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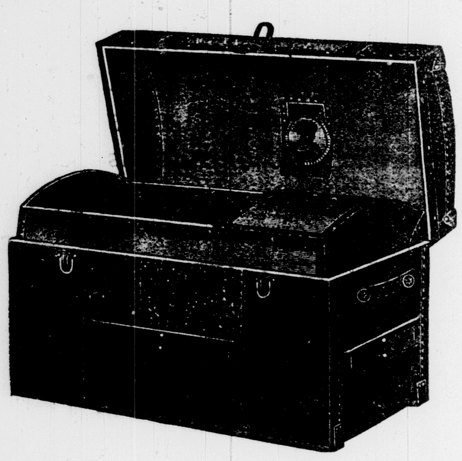

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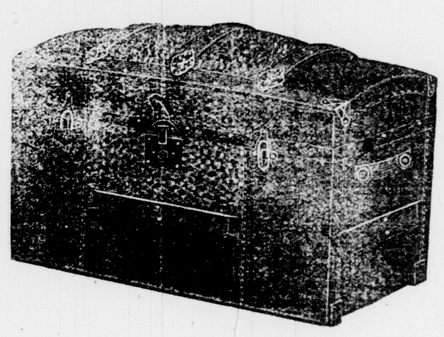

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Chattel Mortgage.

F. L. McCarty, who has been doing a grocery business here for the past three years, filed a chattel mortgage on his stock last Monday to E. L. Duncan, naming M. C. Latta, $550; W. E. Marriott, $175; and C. F. Saigling, $15.15 as prefered creditors. Other indebtedness will aggregate about $700, and is divided among wholesale men principally at Ft. Worth, Dallas, Greenville and St. Louis. The total liabilities are about $1440, with nominal assets about $900, and actual assets about $650.

The failure is attributable to the low price of cotton and resulting dull trade. Mr. McCarty's many friends deeply regret his present financial troubles, and we trust the suspension will be temporary. The stock will be closed out at once by the trustee for the benefit of creditors.—Wylie Rustler.

ENDED HIS AGONY.

By Shooting Himself to Death Was a Chronic Invalid.

Farmersville, Tex., Dec. 5.—Mr. Green Robinson shot and fatally wounded himself early yesterday at his home, three miles from this city. He had been an invalid and great sufferer for some time, and has often threatened to end his agony in suicide. His family apprehended violence to himself and had taken precaution against it by hiding from him the revolver cartridges from his gun and keeping strict surveillance over him His wife had occasion to step from his room yesterday and was out but a few minutes, when she heard the report of a gun. She rushed in, to find that he had shot himself.

The gun used was a 22-caliber rifle. The cartridge he had concealed about his bed until he was left alone.

He lingered in great pain until 3 o'clock this evening, when death came.

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This is the way Rev. Sam Jones scorches society and flays its followers: "When God gives a man a wife and six children, he has done a great deal for that fellow. But when he gives him a society woman and a poodle, he has thrown off on him. These society women look upon children as nuisances. I have had some of the society women shake hands with me. I had as soon shake a dead fish's tail I wouldn't give one of your old sock darning women for all the society women in the country. Between cutting off the top of their dress for the ball room and the bottom for the bicycle, the society women will soon have no clothes left. A man said to a society woman, 'I hope I'll see more of you.' She said, 'Come to the ball tonight.' Some people say you shouldn't speak that way before mixed audiences. You old sisters wear a high collar close around your necks—that's modest and comely. But deliver me from the society women who button their collars around their waists. You preachers don't talk that way, do you? You talk about the sweet bye and bye. You ought to talk about the nasty now and now."

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The last quarter of a century records many wonderful discoveries in medicine, but none that have accomplished more for humanity than that sterling old remedy, Browns' Iron Bitters. It seems to contain the very elements of good health, and neither man, woman or child can take it without deriving the greatest benefit. For sale by all dealers.

SEDALIA SAYINGS.

A Matrimonial Wave Sweeps Across That Locality—Flourishing School and Wideawake Instructors.

The matrimonial wave strikes Sedalia in full blast regardless of low prices in cotton, corn and other farm products. We heartily congratulate the following bridegrooms and their brides, who were happily married in the town of Sedalia: Oct. 17, Mr. W. A. Rhady to Miss Ada Neely; Oct. 19, Prof. Sherman Smith to Miss Hattie Ramsey; Nov. 28, Mr. E. T. Brown to Miss Eve McDougal; Mr. A. F. Tucker to Miss Cora Alexanders; Nov. 28, Mr. D. E. Cantrell to Miss Davis L. Cameron, Rev. C. N. Jarrell officiating.

Profs. Roy Standefer and J. S. Blakely are doing a great work for the Sedalia school. It is fortunate enough to have the right men at the head, busines-like, energetic, modern. Young men and young ladies would do well to investigate the school before going elsewhere; board and tuition at very low lates. Come on, boys and girls, we have plenty of room yet. Foot ball now on hands with a lot of enthusiastic boys to participate in the game.

A. J. Jernigan's large wind mill, with grist mill, saw and pump attached is now near completion and doing good work.

Quite a nice time is expected at the musical entertainment this evening given in honor of Mr. E. T. Brown and bride.

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U. C. V. GENERAL ORDER.

North Texas Veterans Reminded of Reunion at San Antonio.

McKinney, Tex., Dec. 1.—The following, of interest to North Texas veterans and others, was issued today:

General Order No. 1.

Headquarters Northeastern Subdivision Texas United Confederate Veterans, McKinney, Texas, December 1,—During the temporary absence from the State of General T. M. Scott, brevet major general commanding Northeastern subdivision United Confederate Veterans, by order of General R. H. Phelps, major general commanding the State division of United Confederate Veterans, I assume temporary command of said Northeastern subdivision and all camps composing said subdivision are hereby notified that the annual State reunion will take place at the city of San Antonio on the 15th and 16th days of December, 1897.

All camps are earnestly requested to send delegates, as the annual election of officers will take place at that time and other business of importance will be transacted.

Arrangements for transportation will be made through the quartermaster's department of the Southwestern subdivision and communications in regard thereto addressed to General W. C Kroeger, San Antonio, Texas, will meet with prompt reply

A large attendance is requested, with full assurance that a cordial welcome will be extended the veterans. By order of.

J. M. PEARSON,
Brevet Brigadier General Commanding Pro-Tem.
WM. ABERNATHY, Adjt. Gen.

A Story of George.

Springfield Republican.

The late Henry George had a special gift in the rejoinder as a weapon in argument. After his addresses on his land tax theory he always invited his hearers to ask questions, which he delighted in answering. In 1888, after a lecture at Howard University in Washington, a Western congressman, accepting the invitation, said:

"After all, Mr. George, you advocate a system of confiscation of property. If I should take wild land and cultivate and beautify it I would have won undisputed title to the land itself, and you should recognize my proprietorship in it."

This sally won loud applause from the audience, but the applause was deafening when Mr. George had flung back this reply:

"I thought I had explained that all improvements ought by right belong to the improver. On that we agree. I go farther. All that you produced out of the land by your labor should belong to you. If I should see you sitting on the seashore fishing and should see you catch a large fish, or, in other words, bring forth or produce that fish, I should maintain your right to it as your property, to use, to sell, to give or bequeath but I'll be hanged, sir, if I'll agree that you own the ocean from which you produce that fish. Land stands in the same relation to man."

PLANO'S NEW WATERWORKS.

The Machinery Is All In—The Supply Is Pure and Fine.

Plano, Collin Co., Tex., Nov. 29.—The Plano city waterworks are now an accomplished fact. The works consists of a dam and reservoir in Spring creek, three-quarters of a mile west of the city, with a capacity of about 20,000,000 gallons. The distribution system consists of about one mile of six and eight eight-inch cast iron mains with the fire hydrants. It is intended to add considerably to this in the near future. The standpipe is twelve feet in diameter and eighty feet high. On test with only hydrant pressure the water was thrown over the highes buildings in the city. With direct pressure from the pump it was thrown to a vertical height of ninety-seven feet. The works were built under the plans and supervision of J. S. Thatcher, C. E. of Dallas, and the water committee of the city council, Messrs. S. M. Harrington, John A. Moreman and D. H. Bradshaw. On the whole Plano may congratulate herself on having a fine system of waterworks, all at a cost of about $10,000, including 1000 feet of first-class hose. A fire company has been recently organized and is now ready for business.

The mayor, aldermen, city marshal, contractors of the city waterworks and others who were paid in full by the city to-day, were photographed in a group at the base of the standpipe this afternoon by a local artist.

Marriage Licenses.

Licenses to wed issued by County Clerk Walden, McKinney Tex, since our last report:

R E Deal and Miss Minnie Fitzhugh.
A P Warren and Mrs Fannie Brock.
Hugh Smith and Miss Maude Lewis.
John Perry and Miss Kate Gist.
Ben Johnson and Miss Stella McKinney.
W G Allison and Miss Florence Thomason.
J H Roach and Miss Octavio McGowan.
J C Moreland and Miss Susie Watkins.
Daniel Booker Shrader and Miss Ada Rogers.
E E Milford and Miss Bertha Langham.
G M Dowland and Miss Mollie Dotson.
R L Duckworth and Miss J Edgington.
C T Harris and Miss Mucie Bartley.
T W Huddleston and Miss Julia Pullen.
Joe Neil and Miss Jennie Laupton
James Rhine and Miss Nannie Sauls.
J W Scott and Miss Dovie DeBow.
E T Brown and Miss Eva McDougall.
O G Pendleton and S H Shelton.
Eugene Pike and Miss Maggie Coggle.
A R Rutlege and Miss Senda Hand.
R C Martin and Miss Clara Williams.
Linton Sanders and Miss Sue Yager.
S E Phelps and Miss M L Morran.
J R Whitaker and Miss C A G Gleaves.
J F Ray and Miss Mattie Mantooth.
John Wicker and Miss Mattie Finney.
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ALTOGA ATOMS.

Physician Removes To Melissa—Moreland Watkins Nuptials—Death Of an Old Citizen.

Altoga, Tex., Nov. 30. '97.

Prof. W. N. Dobbs went to Nevada last Saturday.

Quite a number of young people of Johnson neighborhood attended singing at Verona Thursday night.

Mark Dunn who is a student of Burleson College at Greenville was at home to spend thanksgiving day.

W. H. Rucker visited John George last week.

C. M. Rucker of Kingston Hunt county, was here last week.

Dr. E. L. Wright will move to Melissa soon where he intends to practice medicine in the future.

John Moreland and Miss Susie Watkins were married last Sunday at the home of the bride's mother. We wish them a long and happy life.

Ross Goodner who once resided here has accepted the position of assistant County Treasurer of Greer county, Oka. He has the best wishes of all who knew him here.

Uncle John Mooreland died Nov. 26 and was buried the 27th. He was 81 years old. He was an old citizen of this county and a devoted member of the Baptist church, honorable and upright in all his dealing with his fellowman and has a host of friends and relatives to mourn his loss.

Rev. Head preached an interesting sermon Sunday morning.

Both Altoga and Johnson schools are thriving we hope they will continue.

QUIEN SABE.

Burned to Death.

On last Saturday evening the little four year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Strange, living five miles northeast of Plano, was so badly burned that it died a few hours later.

It appears that Mr. and Mrs. Strange had been visiting in the afternoon and upon returning home built a fire, and while the husband was attending to the stock about the barn and the mother looking after the domestic cares, the little boy's clothing in some way caught fire and before the flames could be extinguished the little fellow was so severely burned that death resulted in a few hours.

The attending physician expressed himself as though it were probable that the child in its struggle inhaled some of the flames.

The Star extends condolence to the parents in their sad loss.—Plano Star.

W D Cameron will pay a liberal reward for the recovery of a gold medal recently lost on the streets of McKinney, or on the Ladonia road east of town. The medal is inscribed "General Excellence" on front, "W. D. C." on bar and "By S. L. M." on back. Mr. Cameron's address in Princeton, Texas.

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THE DEMOCRAT.

THURSDAY, DEC. 9, 1897

P. C. THOMPSON, Editor and Proprietor.
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CONGRESS MEETS.

The President's Message.

Congress convened last Monday. The roll call showed 301 members present in the House and 77 in the Senate. There was nothing of unusual interest in the assembling of congress on the first day. The formal proceedings of calling the two houses to order, the roll call and the appointing of a committee to wait upon the president were disposed of as usual. The president's message was then read to both houses. It was a lengthy document. Its principle features were his treatment of the Cuban question and the finance question. On the Cuban question he takes a decidedly conservative stand. He discourages the idea of belligerant recognition by congress. In regard to annexation he says, "Forcible annexation cannot be thought of; that, by our code of morality, would be criminal aggression." He, however, urges the annexation of Hawaii. The president virtually advises the retirement of greenback currency by recommending that when the greenback bills are redeemed in gold that they be not reissued unless gold is received in return. He concurs with secretary Gage that the national banks be allowed to issue their notes to the face value of bonds deposited by them with the national government, instead of the 90 per cent to which they are limited now. He further recommends that authority be given to establish national banks with a minimum capital of $25.-000. "This," he declares "will enable the smaller villages and agricultural regions of the country to be supplied with currency to meet their needs." He recommends that national bank notes be restricted to the denomination of $10 and upwards. He also says that if his suggestions are adopted that national banks be required to redeem their notes in gold.

Col. Wash Jones will likly become an independent candidate for congress in Joe Sayer's district.

J. Pierpont Morgan will be chairman of the board of directors which will control all the consolidated wire and nail companies of the United States. J. Pierpont is the same fellow who so nobly stood by the last democratic national administration in its bond dickers.

The scholastic population of Texas for the year beginning Sept. 1, 1897 and ending Aug. 31. 1898 is 776,612, or 589,296 white and 187,316 colored. Such children are included only as are over 8 and under 17 years of age. The state apportionment per capita is $4 which gives Collin county $43,-980 there being 10,381 white and 614 colored children.

A gentleman who lives a few miles northwest of McKinney brought a fine yearling mule to town last Monday to sell. He was offered only $18 for the animal the season of which cost him ten dollars. Ten or fifteen years ago the same mule would have brought him fifty or sixty dollars. The owner of the mule informed us that his taxes during the time had increased, that this year he owed $18.70 tax and thus he could not get enough out of his mule sale to discharge the tax levy. The price of labor and the products of labor continue downward while official salaries remain fixed at the old price or continue upward.

Blood Poison

Feet and Limbs Swelled—No Relief Found Until Hood's Sarsaparilla was Tried—Entirely Cured.

"Last winter my little boy contracted blood poison by wading in stagnated water. He swelled up from his feet to his knees and from his waist to the end of his fingers. One side of his body swelled and he had a high fever. I bought a bottle of Hood's Sarsaparilla. I gave him the medicine and Hood's Pills and they cured him of what was a severe case of blood poison." MRS. H. WALLSTEIN, 2009½ Q Street, Galveston, Texas.

"I have been in poor health for several years and tried bitters, tonics, pills and plasters until I was almost out of patience, and began to think my case hopeless. My husband bought a bottle of Hood's Sarsaparilla and I began taking it. When I had finished the first bottle I had a better appetite. After taking three bottles I felt stronger and better than for years." MRS. JOHN DUCKO, Klein, Texas.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

At the special election for the purpose, municipal ownership carried the day in Houston, Nov. 23. Bonds to the amount of $100,000 will be issued for the erection of an electric light plant to be operated by the city. This victory of a populist tenet, everywhere triumphing, cannot be frowned down as a vagary of the poor misguided rabble from the rurals. Only taxpaying property owners were allowed to vote.

Milton Parks of Dallas chairman of the populist national organization committee has returned from a committee meeting recently held at St. Louis. He says that he is favorably impressed with Hon. Wharton Barker of Philadelphia who is a prospective candidate for the populist nomination for president at the next election. It was decided to hold another committee meeting at St. Louis on Jan. 12, at which time and place the populist national chairman Butler and his committee will be invited to meet to consider the question of holding a national nominating convention in April 1898. If this plan is adopted the public will be treated with an innovation in political annals. It is urged that a long campaign will be of advantage to the reform cause. The populist party is not possessed of millions with which to carry on a campaign on short notice—a campaign of boodle, bribery and ballot box frauds. A campaign of education will be waged by legitimate methods.

BYNUM ISSUES AN ADDRESS.

Chairman of The National Democratic Committee Expresses His Gratification Over Result of The Elections.

New York, Nov. 23.—W. D. Bynum, chairman of the national democratic committee, to-day issued the following address:

Headquarters National Democratic Committee, New York, Nov. 23.—To the national democracy: The results of the recent elections were in nowise discouraging to the success of the principles for which the national democratic party has been battling. The silver organizations lost the states of Ohio and Maryland with the legislatures, which will choose your senators. In Kentucky the silver candidate had a majority of only 123, with 80,000 electors, a majority of whom were unquestionably for sound money, not voting. The national democratic vote of the state was twice as large as it was last year, while the loss in the free silver vote was 40,000.

In Iowa the democratic sound money vote was doubled, notwithstanding the silver candidates abandoned that issue and pleaded for support on state matters. The sound money vote in both Kentucky and Iowa would undoubtedly have been much larger had it not been for the fact that the names of all the local candidates for county officers appeared on the ballots under the free silver state tickets and emblems, thereby compelling sound money electors to scratch their tickets or vote the free silver state ticket in order to vote for local officers.

In Massachusetts our vote was increased 26 per cent, while that of the free silver candidate was reduced in the same ratio.

In Nebraska the free silver majority was reduced, while South Dakota deserted the cause. The efforts of the national democratic organization last year was to aid in saving the credit of the nation from dishonor; its mission in the future will be, if possible, to preserve the true principles of democracy until judgment and reason shall again dominate the councils of the party and its ancient creed be restored to its platform.

Then, and not until then, will the work of the national democratic party be accomplished and its organization cease to be an independent one.

The firmer the convictions, the bolder the courage of national democrats, the sooner will the country be freed from the blighting influence of impending disaster.

No compromise with dishonor; no surrender of principles to expediency, is the shibboleth of the national democracy and each and every member of the party should stand by his convictions and redouble his efforts to uphold the principles he believes to be indispensable to the preservation of the rights and properties of the people.

RELIGIOUS.

Program of Dedication Services, First Christian Church.

McKinney, Texas, December, 12th, 1897.

MORNING SERVICE 11:00 a. m.

Organ Voluntary—Miss McCracken.
Doxology—Congregation.
Invocation—Pastor.
Anthem No. 161.—Choir.
Hymn, Coronation—Congregation.
Reading Scripture Lesson.—D. W. Pritchett, Greenville.
Prayer—S. W. Crutcher, Plano.
Thank Offering for Missions.
Soprano Solo—Miss McCracken.
Sermon — Homer T. Wilson, Fort Worth.
Hymn, Holy, Holy—Choir and congregation.
Dedicatory Address and prayer—Pastor.
Hymn, Oh, how thine eat,—Choir and congregation.
Benediction.

REUNION AND MEMORIAL SERVICE, 2:30 P. M.

Anthem—Choir.
Hymn, Blest be the tie—Congregation.
Reading Scripture Lesson.—R. C. Horn, Vineland.
Prayer—J. B. Faulkner, Wylie.
Hymn, I love thy kingdom Lord—Congregation.
The Lord's Supper.
Hymn, 'Tis midnight on Olive's Brow—Choir and congregation.
Reports from from all the societies connected with the church.
Hymn, church rallying song—Choir and congregation.
Brief talks by former pastors, pastors of other city churches, and others.
Hymn, I know that my Redeemer liveth—Choir.
Sentence prayers, closing with doxology and benediction.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETING 5:30.

Union meeting of all the young people's societies of the city, and all visitors. Subject, "One thing I have learned from Paul's life and writings," Acts 9:1-22, Leader Plummer Harris.

EVENING SERVICE, 7:30 P. M.

Organ Voluntary.
Anthem—Choir.
Hymn, Joy to the world—Choir and congregation.
Reading Scripture.
Prayer.
Song, Quartette.
Sermon — President Carlton, Bonham.
Hymn, Love for all.—Choir and congregation.
Ordination of deacons and installation of pastor.
Hymn, Send the light—Congregation.
Benediction.
Organist — Miss Minnie McCracken.
Ushers—Giles McKinney, Will Hill, Joe Anthony, John Thomas, Fred Largent, W. C. Gray.

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Elders Hallam and Horn are attending the Texas State Lectureship of the Christian church in Fort Worth.

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The program for the dedication services of the new Christian church appear in this column. The Sunday school meets promptly at 9.30. There is no bell on the new church so there will be warning as to the time for meeting.

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Rev. Wm. Allen and lady were visitors in McKinney Monday. In addition to being an able Methodist divine, Rev. Allen has served his people politically, being an ex-state senator. He is also author of several books, and a writer of recognized learning.

CONTINUED ON SUPPLEMENT.

GENERAL NEWS.

Items of Interest Briefly Culled For The Reader of The Democrat.

Gold is said to have been discovered in Uvalde county, Texas.

The colored baptist of Texas will meet in convention at Marshall this week.

A train on the Union Pacific on Dec. 4 made a record of 70 miles an hour in a 36 minute run.

A local option election at Marble Falls, Tex. resulted in 186 pro and 56 anti.

A local option election at Quinlin, Hunt county, resulted in 71 for prohibition and 77 against.

Near Monticello, Ark, a team ran away with Wm. Diggs, wife and baby who were killed.

J. W. Blake chairman of the state democratic executive committee announces that he will not be a candidate for governor.

The Weatherford, Tex., Democrat printing office, H. C. Parker editor and proprietor, was burned Dec, 4th.

Wm. J. Bryan spent Sunday in Fort Worth. He was on his way to Galveston to take a duck hunt before his departure for Mexico.

Edwin Gould and president Forsythe of the Cotton Belt railroad, accompanied by other railroad men are making a tour of Texas.

Wm. J. Bryan lectured on Bimetalism at Guthrie, Oklahoma, Dec. 4, to a light audience. The charge was 50 cents. Hard times among the farmers prevented a large attendance.

W. A. Rhea of McKinney and W. N. Bush of Plano have been appointed delegates by the governor to attend a cotton convention at Memphis Dec. 20.

James Sturgeon was shot and killed in Parker county, Ind., by a neighbor boy 16-years-old, Harry Porter. The cause of the killing was jealousy caused by attention paid by the deceased to the boy's mother.

Among the delegates appointed to attend the national cotton growers convention at Atlanta, Ga. Dec. 14th, from Texas appears the name R. W. Carpenter of Plano, Collin county.

A Sale in Rings and a Ringin' Sale!

A SALE in wrings, and still a sale not in rings, but surely a **wringing** sale. It rings as **you see,** but not in rings, **as you know.** No, not in the ring. We stand alone in the market and fight the battle for the supremacy of the people. We make the prices, independently of what others sell at and not by the dictates of **rings** and monopolies. That's the reason why we are called the **cutters;** That's the reason why 100,000 people in Collin Co,and surrounding country gatner around our banner and recognize us as the **independent merchants** in the Dry Goods trade who lead them to victory with wringing sales.

Ladies' Capes

100 Ladies' Black Capes, 40 per cent off	75c
1 Lot Ladies' Black Capes, fur trimmed	$1.50
1 Lot Ladies' Black Capes, silk plush	3.50
Ladies' Black Capes, beaded and buttons, 7.50 kinds at	5.00
Ladies' Black Fur Capes, fur trimmed, heavy and fine	3.50
Ladies' Fur Capes 40 per cent off,	2.50
Ladies' Black Capes, a nice elegant Cape, silk trimmed	4.50
1 Lot Ladies' Jackets, $4 grades, 40 per cent off	2.50
1 Lot misses Jackets, 40 per cent off	2.50
1 lot ladies Jackets, heavy and nice.	75c

Staples.

5 bolts Mattress Ticking, 8 1-3c and	10c
5 bolts Feather ticking usual 15c kinds	12 1-2
5 bolts Feather Ticking, 20c kinds at	16 1-2
5 bolts 7c Bleach Cotton, at	5c
10 bolts Lonsdale 4-4 bleach Cotton, at	7c
5 bolts 33-inch bleach Cambrics, at	6 1-4
10 bolts 36-inch bleach Cambric, 19c quality, at	7c
10 bolts yard-wide brown cotton, 4 1-2c quality at	3 1-2
10 bolts yard-wide fine Sea Island Cotton, at	5c
5 bolts bleach Cotton, at	3 3-4
5 bolts bleach Cotton, at	4 1-2
5 bolts best 12 1-2c Sheeting	10c
10 bolts fancy patters Calico, 5c grades, at	3 3-4
10 bolts indigo blue Prints	4 1-2c
20 bolts Calicoes, grays and fancies.	4c
5 bolts 10-4 brown Sheetings, at	15c

Men's Top Shirts

25 dozen men's work shirts, asssorted kinds, samples, 50c and 75c grades, choice here	38c
10 dozen work shirts, each	25c
15 dozen fancy dress Pecale top Shirts $1.25 grades	58c
15 dozen top Dress Shirts, the $1 kind at	50c
25 dozen fancy Percale Shirts, samples, assorted kinds	38c

ONE PRICE TO EVERYBODY.

WE have placed on sale 15 great lots of Merchandise this week. Each lot means a discount of 33 to 50 per cent to the purchasers; each lot goes toward making good our promise to the people of McKinney to save them $100,000 during the twelve months from January to January. Is there a person in McKinney or within the borders of the state of Texas who denies that we have saved the people that amount? Is there a person who would not be willing to make oath that to all appearances we have made good our promises **twice and thrice** over. If there is one we challenge his answer.

WHAT 25 CENTS WILL BUY THIS WEEK.

Ladies' Black Hose, 8 1-3c quality, this week 7 pairs for 25c	Gents' Heavy Canton Flannel Drawers value 42c this week per pair 25c	Dress Ginghams value 6 1-4 yd our price this week 8yds for 25c	41-4 Grey Single Blankets value 50c our price this week 25c	Men's everyday Shirt worth 25c each this week 2 for 25c
Ladies' Fast Black Seamless Hose 12 1-2 quality, 4 pairs for 25c	Gents' 4-ply Linen Collars value 10 each our price this week 5 for 25c	Fancy Figured Turkey Red prints value 5c yd, our prices this week 8 yds for 25c	Misses School Handf's value 5c each this week 2½ for 25c	Mens' Suspenders regular 25c quality this week 3 pair for 25c
Ladies' Wool Crochet Shawels, fancy colors, 50c kinds at 25c	Gents' 4-ply Linen Cuffs 15c qualities this week 8 pairs for 25c	Large Fancy figures in Ginghams value 6 1-4c this week 8yds for 25c	Ladies fancy hemstiched Handkf's value 6 1-4c each, this week 10 for 25c	Men's Black Sox value 10c per pair, this week 5 pairs for 25c
Wool Knit Fleeced lined Baby Hoods 50c kinds only 25c	Sweet Maiden Soap value 25c per box, this week, 2 boxes for 25c	1 Spool Basting Thread 3 Papers pins 3 Papers Needles 1 Doz Safty Pins 3 Pack's Hair Pins 3 Packs Darning Cotton 2 Spools Thread 1 pr. Misses Gloves. 1 Paper Hooks and Eyes. ALL FOR 25c	Extra heavy derby ribed Ladies White Vests full length and swayed to fit 25c	Turkey Red Damask value 38c yd, this week we offer it at per yard 25c
Gents' Guyot Suspenders 25c kinds, 2 pairs for 25c	Broken Java Coffee worth 12 1-2 per lb. We offer 400 lbs at 8 lbs for 25c		This week Garter Webbing worth 8 1-3c yd, to the trade, 8 yds for 25c	Infants Shoes values 45c, this week we offer 3 doz. pairs at per pair 25c
Gents' White Hemstitched Handkf's values 1-3, 6 pairs for 25c	Choice 4 varieties of Tea's value 40 to 60 per lb. Choice this week. 25c		Boys Knee Pants values 15c pair this week 3 pairs for 25c	Best quality Ladies size Envelopes value 5c pack, this week 9 pack for 25c
Gents' Grey Knit Fleeced Undershirts and Drawers value 50c each, this week 25c	Tablets, values 5c each, this week we offer 10 for 25c		Mens' Pants worth 40c to 75c this week they go at per pair 25c	

Flannels and Woolens. White Flannel, value 12 1-2c yd, our price this week. 8 1-3 White Flannel, value 18c yd, this week's price 12 1-2 White Flannel all wool, value 25c, this week 18c All wool Red Flannels, worth 15c yd, we offer this week 10c	All wool Blue Flannels worth 20c yd, we offer this week 12 1-2 Extra heavy Blue and Red Medicated twill Flannel usual 35c grade, this week 20c We offer 27in. 6oz Irish freeze worth 20c, yd, at 12c All colors in Eiderdown worth 50c yd, this weeks price 29c	Fine Line Lincy, worth 12 1-2 and 18c this weeks price 8 1-3, 12 1-2 **Dress Goods Department.** Wool Filling Dress Goods 18 yd pattern only, 10yd pattern per pattern 50c 16 piece all wool Serge 36in. wide, worth 50c, this week 29c	7 piece fancy Dress Goods neat and nice, values 30c this week 19c 23 piece latest thing out in Cotton Fabrics real value 12 1-2c this week price 8 1-3 28 patterns latest nearly all wool dress good, value from 65c to 1.00 all go at per yd 50c	20 patterns 34in Cotton Flannel 8oz value 15c our price 10c Finest grade opera Flannel for Saques and wrappers real value 60 and 75c this week 47c Best quality Dress plaids real values at 10 and 12 1-2c our price 9yds 75c

Lot No. 3

Ladies' Capes, 2.00 grade	$1.25
Ladies' Capes, 2.50 grade	1.50
Ladies' Capes, 3.50 grade	2.50
Ladies' Capes, 5.00 grade	3.50
Ladies' Capes, 6.00 grade	3.98
Ladies' Capes, 7.00 grade	5.00
Ladies' Capes, 10.00 grade	6.50
Ladies' Capes, 12.00 grade	7.50
Ladies' Jackets, 2.00 grade	75c
Ladies' Jackets, 4.00 grade	2.50
Misses Jackets, 4.00 grade	2.50

Lot No. 5

Men's 10.00 Suits—50 per cent off	$5.00
Men's 11.00 Suits—50 per cent off	5.90
Men's 15.00 Suits—50 per cent off	7.50
Men's 17.00 Suits—50 per cent off	8.50
Men's 20.00 Suits—50 per cent off	10.00
Men's 22.00 Suits—50 per cent off	11.00

Lot No. 2

125 doz. Mens Fine Fur Hats, all high class goods, stiff and fur, Stetsons, Buckskins and other fine goods, choice of this lot at $1.50
20 doz men's wool caps 25c
15 doz men's stiff hats 25c

Lot No. 8

100 doz. Men's Fine Hats, Manufacturers' samples, Wide rims and narrow rims—black and colored, value 18.00 to 24.00 a dozen. We give choice all this week for 1.00

Lot No. 4

Men's Work Pants 1-2 off	50c
Men's Blue Overalls, 1-2 off	25c
Men's Heavy Pants, 1 2 off	$1.00
Men's Woolen Pants 1-2 off	1.25
Men's All Wool Pants 1-2 off	1.50
Men's Fine Pants, 1-2 off	1.98
Men's Fine Pants, 1-2 off	2.50
Men's Fine Pants, 1-2 off	3.00
Men's Fine Pants, 1-2 off	3.50
Men's Fine Pants, 1-2 off	3.98
Men's Fine Pants, 1-5 off	55c
Boys' Knee Pants	38c
Boys' Knee Pants	

Lot No. 12

Eiderdown, all wool	29c
Woolen Dress Goods	5c
Woolen Dress Goods	10c
Woolen Dress Goods	12 1-2c
Woolen Dress Goods	17c
Woolen Dress Goods	25c
Woolen Dress Goods	38c

Lot 14.

Mens Caps.	25c
Boys Caps	25c
Men's Caps.	38c
Boys Caps	38c

Lot No. 1.

Ladies' Kid Shoes 57 per cent off	75c
Ladies' Kid Shoes 57 per cent off	$1.00
Ladies' Kid Shoes 57 per cent off	$1.50
Ladies' Kid Shoes 57 per cent off	$1.98
Ladies' Kid Shoes 57 per cent off	$2.50
Gents' Work Shoes 57 per cent off	$1.00
Gents' Fine Shoes, 57 per cent off	$1.25
Gents' Fine Shoes, 57 per cent off	$1.50
Gents' Fine Shoes, 57 per cent off	$1.98
Gents' Fine Shoes, 57 per cent off	$2.98
Children's Shoes, 57 per cent off	50c
Children's Shoes, 57 per cent off	75c
Children's Shoes, 57 per cent off	$1.00

Thread.

Belding's Silk—100 yds, 10c quality 5c
Best Spool Cotton 2 for 5c

Hosiery.

Men's Black Hose	3c
Men's Heavy Gray Hose 10c, kind.	
Med's Fine Mixed Hose	8c
Men's Fine Colored Hose, 8 for	25c
Men's Fine Black Hose, 2 for	25c
Ladies' Hose, 5c, 8c 10c 12 1-2c	25c
Misses ribbed Hose 5c 1 1-3c 10, 12 1-2	

Lot No. 13

The 4.50 and 5.90 goods	$2.98
The 6.00 and 7.00 goods	4.50
50 Ladies' Rubber Coats	50c
5 Ladies' Rubber Coats	1.00

Lot No. 10

Men's Percale dress shirts 2 for	75c
Men's Fine Percale Dress shirts, 1.25 grades	58c
Men's Fine Percale Shirts 75c grades	50c
Men's White Dress Shirts 58c	

Boys' Knee Suits

Boys' Knee Suits 50 per cent off	50c
Boys' Knee Suits 50 per cent off	1.00
Boys Knee Suits 50 per cent off	1.25
Boys Knee Suits 50 per cent off	1.50
Boys Knee Suits 50 per cent off	2.25

Lot No. 11

All Wool Flannels	10c
All wool Flannels 20c kinds	15c
All wool Flannels 25c kinds	18c
All wool Flannels 28c kinds	20c
All wool Flannels 30c kinds	25c
All wool Flannels 35c kinds	30c

Overskirts.

2 dozen Wool Overskirts, 35p er cent off	75c
5 dozen Wool Overskirts, 35 per cent off	$1.50
6 dozen Wool Overskirts, 35 per cent off	$1.75
4 dozen Wool Overskirts 35 per cent off	$1.98

Lots No. 6 and 7

Standard Fancy Prints	4c
Standard Indigo Blue Prints	4c
Fancy Prints	3 3-4c
Red Figured Prints	3 1-2c
Flannelettes 4 1-2c, 7c, 8 1-3c and 10c	
Yard wide heavy brown cotton	4c
Yard wide heavy bleached cotton	5c
Good fine bleached cotton	6 1-4c
Good bleached cotton	4c

Lot No. 9

150 dozen Men's Fleeced Underwear manufacturers' end-of-season goods. Not a garment but would sell at 75c your choice 50c
190 dozen Men's Red Woolen and Cotton Ribbed Underwear. Everybody sells them at 75c. Your choice here 38c
120 dozen Men's Heavy Winter Underwear. Sold everywhere at 40c and 50c. Choice here 25c

WE CHALLENGE THE ANSWER.

C. L. Mistrot,

THE CASH MERCHANT.

Houston's First Marriage.

Gen. Sam Houston's disappointing first marriage is known to every reader of American history—so all pervading is the love of the romantic that such incidents impress themselves upon the mind when others are forgotten. His misfortune no doubt tended to change the current of his life. While he was ambitious before, and while the prospect of reaching the height of his aspirations was bright, having been a district attorney, twice a member of congress and then governor of Tennessee before he was 35, the blighting of his early years drove him ultimately to a course which brought him not only a local reputation, but imperishable fame. The subject of his marital infelicity has been under discussion for nearly three quarters of a century, but it is still interesting when any thing tending to solve the mystery is advanced. Connected by affinity with the family of his first wife, Miss Eliza Allen, and having heard a version of the affair by members of that family I hoped to be allowed to contribute my mite to current history without creating a feeling of impatience on the part of the public.

During the first quarter of the century there lived in Sumner county, Tennessee, an eminently respectable and well-to-do family by the name of Allen. A member of it, John, who lived on the banks of the Cumberland river, three miles from Gallatin, had a daughter who was unusually beautiful and accomplished for that section. She was perhaps as nearly the ideal woman, physically, as existed outside of an artist's brain—maybe a little above the medium height, beautifully proportioned, possessing black eyes and hair, and while described as rather cold, she had a certain charm of manner and conversation that made her a belle. She numbered among her admirers the young men of Gallatin and Lebanon, and even had suitors from Nashville. Among the last was young Houston, who had recived during his political struggles considerable support through the influence of her father. While he did not win her affections as readily as he had hoped, he persevered and finally gained her consent to become his wife.

Love is said to be blind—it proved to be so in Houston's case. Not a little opinionated, obliged to see that he was the idol of a majority of the people of his state, and flattered by friends and acquaintances, he naturally supposed that his affection would win hers in return, and so went into the marriage a completely deceived man. On that wedding day of January, 1829, as he and his friends came riding up to the Allen home, he presented a fine appearence. The governor of the state, honors clustered around him and men held him in reverence. Sensuous, strong in animal spirits and loving madly as only such a person can love, the tall bridegroom dressed in the conventional black broadcloth, looked eagerly toward the windows of the room of his affianced for a glimpse of her face, a waving of her handkerchief or some little token of affection which love covets. But nothing of the kind was seen, and there was a lack of heartiness of welcome which might well have created some misgivings. Another might not have attributed it solely to timidity and nervousness superinduced by the occasion.

The truth was, the bride did not love him, and acknowledged as much to a cousin before the marriage. "Gov. Houston is noble and loves me," are the words which have come down through the years. "But my heart is not his. I yielded to his wish to become his wife to please my parents. I feel now, even though the wedding hour is drawing near, that I have made a great mistake. I should have told him that I have no heart to give him—it belongs to one who, as far as I know, does not prize it. I know that I can never meet his advances as a person of his impulsive nature expects, and this cannot satisfy him." And this was the secret of their estrangement—love such as the bridegroom's would be contented with, nothing less than love.

Houston had been elected governor two years before and was at the time of his marriage about 35 years of age. Those who saw the bride congratulated him on winning one who would add a distinct charm to his administration, socially speaking, and as the weeks went by the public [illegible] of the ungainly appreaching trouble that would make bitter the lives of the couple. Mrs. Houston before three months passed, not enjoying the life upon which she had entered, went to her father's for a short visit. History chronicles the sequel. Her husband, longing for the society of his bride, followed her within a few days—and then he abandoned her. resigned the governship and sought forgetfulness among the Cherokee Indians of Arkansas until the war between Mexico and Texas offered a prospect for excitement.

This much the public is familar with; but again her words to the cousin whom she alone confided in come down through the years: "It is possible I am to blame, though heaven knows I have tried to do my duty. I ought to have told him before marriage that I could not love him. Then, how could I, seeing that the person I had given my love never avowed his? Gov. Houston but once or twice since our marriage seemed to notice the coldness which I tried to hide and when he came to my father's on my return home I could not meet him as affectionately as he had hoped. He remarked it, was aggrieved, and said that he would never again intrude his love on me. I told him there that I never loved but honored him. I signified that I could not force my affection's growth, but would try to cultivate it. He refused any compromise and left, though I had no idea that he would not reflect and come back until I herd of his resignation as governor."

While this explanation of the separation is in the nature of secondary evidence, is it not substantiated by Gen. Houston in his letter afterward to a friend—the only time he was ever known to mention the matter? "Eliza stands acquitted by me," he wrote. "I have received her as a virtuous and chaste wife, and as such I pray God I may ever regard her, and I trust I ever shall. She was cold to me, and I thought did not love me." Jealous for a while after her acknowledgement, his pride wounded—which means much to a high spirited man, and possessed of peculiar ideas of chivalry, he resolved to free her. Afterward, reflecting perhaps that she was not to blame for lacking affection for him, and that this condition of her heart need not mean inconstancy, he "acquitted" her of any wrong

Long after their separation each married againg; he to Miss Margret M. Lee of Alamaba; she became the wife of Dr. Elmore Douglass of Gallatin. Both died within a few years of each other, divided by hundreds of miles since the eventful day of their separation; he until death winning honors from the public she leading a blameless life in an obscure sphere.—Will T. Hale.

Delinquent Tax List.

Farmersville Sentinel.

It is expected that the delinquent tax list for Collin county will be ready for publication some time early in '98. The list will not only contain delinquents for the year '97, but for every year since 1885. The commissioners court will let this work out to some paper in the county on bids.

Similar work for other counties in the state, has in many instances been let, and generally is contracted for, at the rate of 20-22½ cents per description.

On account of the large amount of work to be done and in order to give the matter the proper notice and distribution, would it not be advisable for the Commissioners' court to distribute publication among all the county papers? By pursuing this course the publication would be more extensive and the united press could handle with ease what would be a voluminous task for one. Besides there is in our opinion not sufficient type in any one office in the county to do the work. True, the printing could be done by any regular paper plant, like the Western Union, and furnished to any one paper, but that would take the profit in the work out of the county. We believe the course we suggest would be preferable, and we suggest the same to our Commissioner's court.

Innumerable articles and lines of ware at J. P. Crouch & Co.'s. Anything from a complete housekeeping outfit to tiniest toys can be found in their big three story house.

Cox & Berry can furnish you with holiday groceries, candies, etc. See them before you buy.

R. C. Fisher has purchased a 263 acre farm from D. C. Hill of this city. It lies about one mile west of Foncine. The consideration was $5960 cash.

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 100.

Localettes, Personals and Otherwise From Bois d'arc.

Dec. 7th, '97.

Miss Leona Bryant of Bowlby was visiting Miss Kate Chandler Sunday.

The Misses Self of Rockhill were visiting Mrs. Richard Kirkland Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Herndon gave the young folks a dance Friday night.

Miss Minnie Johnson was visiting the Miss Burrus of Vineland last week.

Will Mott of East Collin was down this way a few days since.

Uncle Billie Self of Rockhill spent the night with his sister, Mrs. H. H. Taylor Sunday night.

We learn from a letter from Hollis Barron that his father is getting better

Mr. Jake Moore of Lone Elm Sundayed here.

REUBEN.

Cox & Berry are getting a big share of McKinney's grocery trade.

J. P. Crouch & Co , greet the public with a prodigious stock from which holiday presents of any kind can be selected.

Letter List.

Ladies: Barrett Amy; Bishop Allie; Graves Lucy; Shiffit Lolar; Tucker I G; Warren Ottie.

Gentlemen: Brow Clifford; Cash V A; Carigon William; Creason T R; Crowder Charley; Cooper Ad; Cole W H; Ellis R; Foster R H; Fotshee Benj. F; Gazaway J A; Givens B E; Giles John S; Gorman W F; Ivary Willis; Kindle George; Laues F A; Miller Ollie; Orem Will S; Roberts Erwin; Ruthledge J D; Strange Hugo M; Thorne M E; Weaver A H; Wallis C W

Persons calling for letters in this list please say advertised.

The biggest store in McKinney is J. P. Crouch & Co.'s and it is filled to overflowing with goods.

Fine Blanke candies at Cox & Berry's

Notes From Mangum.

Mangum, Greer Co., Tex., Dec. 2.—News items of general interest are very scarce. The gin at this place has turned out some 850 bales of cotton. Three other gins in the county about the same number each. The has fall been so favorable that the yield is very good. It is now too cold for pickers, and unless we have warmer weather considerable cotton will be left in the fields. It has been too dry for wheat planting, still a considerable acreage has been put in. Lots of it is not up, nor will it be until we have rain. Only .36 of an inch fell last month. It is now cloudy and threatening snow.

The district court was held here last week. There were two convictions for horse stealing. E. A. Gibson received two years in the penitentiary and a young lad. Bert Keithley, one year in the home of correction. There were three divorce suits—J. T. Grabtree vs. E. Z. Crabtree; Sarah J. Lyndsay vs. Geo. Lyndsay; Mrs. Lewis vs. Dr. Lewis, all granted. Our jail is now empty. Our county and town are making improvements faster than ever before. All the business men of Mangum are prospering and our farmers are in a better shape, those raising the most cattle being in the best condition. From the way cattle are coming in since the quarantine, it looks as if there is some danger of our range being overstocked.

MELTON'S PULL.

T. J. Melton has catered to the McKinney and Collin county grocery trade so many years that he has become long since a "professional" in the art of pleasing his customers. He has studied their wants. Long experience has made him an adroit buyer and given him prestige with wholesalers who bid for his orders with "bedrock" prices. Thus his customers get the benefits of a shrewd buyer. Thus Melton has got the pull on the grocery trade:

Whoop! here's another Christmas come!
All merchants clear the track,
Melton's going to beat the record;
Come, don't try to hold him back.

Melton runs to win and don't forget
The prize he wants is trade;
He'll make you prices lower yet
Than winners ever made.

Whoop! prices lower than before,
New goods in stacks from roof to floor
With STANDARDS, his house is full,
And that is where he gets the pull.

Whoop! here's the store that gives most
You'll find he makes no empty boast,
But BARGAINS big and counters full:
That is where he's got the pull.

M'KINNEY MARKETS.

[CORRECTED WEEKLY.]

Cotton	4 50 to 5.25
Wheat per bus	90to 92cts.
Corn per bus	28 to 30cts.
Oats per bus	21 to 22cts
Hay baled per ton	$5.50 to $6.50
Millet hay per ton	$5.50 to $6.50.
Flour per cwt	$2.40 to $2.75.
Cotton seed per ton	$6.00 to $6.50.
Baled Oats per ton	$6.50.
Meal per bus	40 to 45cts.
Straw per ton	$5.00
Chops per cwt	75cts.
Bran per cwt	75 to 80cts.
Butter per lb	10 to 12½cts.
Eggs per doz	10 to 15cts.
Lard per lb	6½ to 7½cts.
Sheep	$2 00 to $2.50.
Hogs per cwt	$2.25 to $2.75.
Beef on foot per cwt	$2.25 to $3.50.
Beef dressed per lb	5cts.
Dressed pork per lb	4cts.
Chickens per doz	$1.75 to 2.25.
Irish Potatoes, per bu	75 to 80cts.
Sweet Potatoes, per bu	50 to 75cts.
Turnips, per bu	50cts.

We ask a trial order from you when you want groceries. Our stock is new unbroken and fresh.

FARMERSVILLE BUDGET.

Prominent Sunday school Worker—Green Robinson Suicides—Eli Perkins Lectures.

Dec. 7. 1897.

J. B. Fugit went to Blue Ridge last Monday.

H. H. Hawley, who once lived here and is well acquainted in our city, was visiting here last Sunday.

Mr. Pigees, of Tyler, who is the assistant secretary of the Baptist Sunday school and missionary work of the state was here Sunday and Monday last. He is an earnest, able man, and the convention did well in selecting one who is so thoroughly in touch with the work assigned him.

Geo. Hardin was in McKinney Monday on legal business.

Miss Minnie Wylie, who is attending school at Bonham, is at home on a visit this week.

Messrs. K. M. Moore and W. S. Aston left Sunday for a bear hunt in Southern Texas. They will be gone about one month and no doubt will have a delightful time in that splendid climate.

Mrs. Jeannie Frymore who has been quite sick for the past two weeks, we understand, is still seriously ill.

We are sorry to learn that Los Allison is still quite ill.

Horace Gotcher of Palmer, Texas, has been in the city several days. He can't forget old Farmersville—it has an attraction indefinable to all who have lived here in the past.

Last Saturday our town was shocked to learn that Mr. Green Robinson who lived near here, and is well known all over the community, had shot himself. The facts as we learn them are about as follows: His little son some time ago purchased a small rifle, and early in the morning while the rest of the family were absent from the room, they heard the report of a gun and on coming in found Mr. Robinson lying on the floor, shot through the body near the heart. Physicians were immediately summoned, and the ball which had passed through near the heart was extracted, having lodged under the skin near the spine. He lingered until about three o'clock in the evening when he died, having never regained consciousness. He had been in a low state of health for a long time, and it is thought grew despondent having suffered greatly the past few months. He was buried at the Murchison cemetery the following day. To his family we extend our sympathy. Let us trust he has gone to a land where "evil things in robes of sorrow" do not assail us, and where health and happiness are universal.

John McMinn who is ninety years old was in the city last week. He is in splendid health, and bids fair to live a number of years yet.

There were two runaways on the streets last Monday. People are two careless with their teams.

Ed Durning of McKinney was in the city last Monday shaking hands with friends.

Dan May of Trenton, brother of our towsman Tom May was visiting Farmersville last Saturday.

W. W. Holsonbake has purchased the grocery stock of H. U. Keller on east side of square, and will continue business there the balance of the month.

Rev. S. A. Ashburn has recently moved to our city and preached his first sermon at the Methodist church last Sunday.

Mrs. Rod Neathery returned from McKinney last week.

Melville D. Landon—"Eli Perkins" the famous humorist and lecturer, appeared at the opera house in this city on the 3rd, instant. A full house greeted him, and he held the house for two hours with his inimitable magnetism and humor. It was a rare treat to those who are lovers of humor and fun, and the audience with few exceptions seemed to greatly appreciate the lecture.

Rev. Mr. Alderson and family left last Friday for Whitewright. Farmersville regrets to give this excellent man and family up, and we are satisfied that Whitewright will give them a warm welcome.

Mrs. M. G. Paxton and little daughter Evelyn, left Sunday for Dallas to visit friends. From there she goes to her home in Bloomington, Oklahoma.

Walter and Manly Hardin left Monday morning for Bear Pen to put the finishing touch to Sid Hicks residence. We understand Mr. Hicks will move into it as soon as completed.

The State National Loan and Trust Co,, of Ft Worth through its agent J, H, Ford has organized a branch office in our town. E. A. Hooks is president, C. H. Miller vice-president and Mr. Marble, secretary. Those are enterprising men and no doubt will do a good business at this place,

A row occurred between some boys near Culleoks school house Sunday night. A blow or two were exchanged and two or three pistol shots were fired but nobody hurt. Warrants are out for Claud Dodd.

B. F. King from Haskell is in our city this week.

M. P. McMinn of Nevada took the early morning train north bound Tuesday morning. He went to several points in Hunt and Fannin counties.

ORIENT.

Miss Betsy Wylie, daughter of Dr. T. W. Wylie, has been appointed sponsor for the Northeastern Subdivision, Texas United Confederate Veterans at the coming reunion in San Antonio.

Cashier Weldon of a Ladonia Bank was here Tuesday.

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DESERT DESSERT.

Enterprising Citizen—Hog Killing Over and Hard Times Knocked Out.

Desert, Tex., Dec. 7, 1897.

Most of our people have killed hogs and will live well for awhile in spite of "hard times."

Mr. Ike Tree is the most progressive man in the neighborhood. He is through work, has built a new chimney, and bought a new organ.

On account of sudden changes many have coughs and colds.

Mrs. Tate, an aged lady, is very low and not expected to recover.

Several of our people have departed for other parts. Some to other counties, some to the Nation and some to—to—Arkansas.

One of our young men became confused, Sunday night, in church just after services and forgot his overcoat. Its owner was readily identified by letters in its pockets.

There was preaching at Shady Grove Sunday. Though the weather was cold a large crowd attended.

We have teacher's Institute at Blue Ridge Friday and Saturday.

Cotton is about all picked, sold and the money spent, and many will still have debts.

Some are making preparations for Christmas. A few Turkey were left over from Thanksgiving and will be fine for Christmas.

Nearly every family is supplied with Pecans now.

RUFUS.

Double Wedding.

A double wedding took place at 6 o'clock Sunday evening, in Forest Grove church. The first couple were R. E. Deal and Miss Minnie Fitzhugh, with J. Grayham and Miss Coffey, R. M. Hunter and Miss Dugger as attendants. Eld. Jno. M. McKinney officiated.

Immediately after this ceremony C. E. Snyder led forward his bride to the altar Miss Mattie Kerr, who were duly made one in matrimony by Eld. Ben. Faulkner. This bridal pair were attended by R. H. Kerr and Miss Pearl Christian, W. E. Deal and Miss Sarah Snyder. A big audience witnessed the ceremony.

The McKinney Gazette says that Brann ought to be "hooted out of Texas." Also "not many communities in Texas will put up with such slanderous reprobates as Brann, and it is only a matter of time until he will be compelled to 'move on.' The above is evidently spoken from experience. When editor of the Rustler, Mr. Perkins culled Mr. Brann's choicest phrases and hurled them at the editor of the Courier personally, because she dared to hold [illegible]

was buying a ticket to "leave these diggins" he was heard to remark that "roasting didn't pay." Notwithstanding all this, the Courier will expect another.—Plano Courier.

Miss Linnie Johnson attended the marriage of her cousin, Miss Maude Lewis, at Rheas Mill Sunday.

RELIGIOUS.

Last Snnday a committee of arrangement for a Christmas entertainment was appointed by the Baptist Sunday school. It will report next Sunday. All the services were more than ordinarily well attended and Dr. King's sermons were delivered at his best. The usual services will be held next Sunday evening, but in the morning all accustomed to worshipping at this church will join with the Christian congregation in the dedicatory exercises of that new house of worship.

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Program

Organ recital and concert at First Christian Church, Thursday evening, Dec. 9, 7:30 o'clock.

Organ solo—"Romance."

Trio—"Down by the Living Waters," Miss Searcy, Mrs. Robert and Mr. Fischman.

Organ solo—"Paques Fleuries"

Soprano solo—"Thou Wondrous Youth," Miss McCracken.

Organ solo "Communion in F"

Violin solo.—Mr. Fischman.

Quartette—"Father in Heaven" Miss Searcy, Mrs. Robert, Messrs Cornett and Fischman.

Organ solo. — "Marche aux Flambeaux."

Soprano solo—"Ave Maria," Miss Searcy.

Violin solo—Mr. Fischman.

Trio—"Oh Power Benificent," Miss Searcy, Mrs. Robert and Mr. Fischman.

Organ solo—"Bridal Song."

Duet—"Abide With Me" Mrs. Robert and Mr. Cornett.

Organ solo — "Processional March."

Given for the benefit of the Cnristian church music fund. General admission 25c.

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The new Methodist pastor, Rev. J. W. Hill, arrived in McKinney Tuesday with his family. He is a talented, popular divine, also, noted throughout the state as a lecturer. The members of his new charge here planned and consumated a most pleasing surprise to Rev. Hill and family upon their arrival. During the day the ladies took complete possession of the parsonage, arranged the household for the new comers [illegible] feast for their coming. Numerous articles for the larder arrived during the day which were sent by friends and admirers in the city, and a throng of big, little, old and young were present to welcome Bro. Hill and family into their new home upon their arrival at 7 p. m.

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Sad were the hearts who assembled for the last time in the dear old Christian church last Sunday! How often had they communed therein and how many tender, touching memories do its walls bring. Sunday morning it was filled to its capacity. After the usual singing, Bro. Hallam called on some of the members, to express their rememberance of the old church. Several responded with appropriate remarks; but most eloquent of all were the tears of sorrow which overwhelmed Bro. J. H. Jenkins and forbade utterance. Indeed, few eyes were dry. The sincerity of his sorrow touched a tender cord of sympathy.

"Give sorrow words, the grief that does not speak
Whispers the o'erfraught heart and bids it break."

The grand new building will never be the same refuge of peace to Bro. Jenkins and some of the other pioneer members that the old church has been. The joy which fills the younger hearts will know not the sorrow of theirs. Yet we expect our services in the new church to be made reverend by the smiles which will come to them when they can consolingly remember that old song—

"God and Heaven are still my own."

Diphtheria.

Frank, the little 4-year-old son of J. G. Williams, died Monday evening at Whites Grove of diphtheria. Burial next day in Pecan Grove cemetery. We offer sympathy to the bereaved family in this sad hour of death.

Masonic Grand Lodge.

The 62th Annual Convention of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Texas is now being held in Houston, with a full representatation. In the ranks of this ancient order are the first men of the state. They are earnest workers and devoted the great principles of Masonry. It is said, and truly too, with all of them it is Masonry first and other things afterward. Those present from Collin county are Hon. W. M. Abernathy and lady of McKinney, Dr. [illegible] of Wylie and J. H. L. C.

J. A. Rogers was at Parker yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Crooker visited T. J. Melton and family this week on their way to Oklahoma to spend the winter.

Prof. W. L. Yarbrough says he has enrolled 58 pupils in his school at Forrest Grove thus far.

Hon. Jno. Church addressed the "Alcalde" club Monday night on the manner and custom of conducting the Irish Judiciary.

A bushel of extra large Texas pecans were shipped by M. E. Purnell to C. B. Rouse the New York merchant prince.

Robt. Wiseman has just returned from Roswell, N. M. and gives a glowing description of that conntry.

We acknowledge a pleasant visit from Wm. Ingram of Nobility, today. Mr. Ingram informs us that the wheels of prosperity failed to turn in his direction.

Some uneasiness was occasioned in the Whites Grove community by the appearance of diphtheria. But as yet no other case has appeared. Precautions were taken during the sickness of Mr. Williams' little child against any further spread of the dread disease and these efforts have succeeded so it is hoped.

We have a communication from W. M. Everett who states his position relative to Green and Grant. It is interesting and will appear in our next issue. The article is the result of a paragraph which appeared in THE DEMOCRAT of recent date.

Women and Insurance.

Only about eight or nine of the life insurance companies of the country insure women at the same rates as men. A considerably larger number insure women, but charge them an additional $5 per $1,000, and still more even do not insure women at all. It is the opinion of those qualified to speak that the companies charging the excess rate are not justified in doing so and that the practice will not long be continued. The mortality rate experienced among its women insurers by one well known company has been about 80 per cent of what was expected, and it has insured several women for the full amount it will issue on any one life, [illegible] 000. The heretofore [illegible] tude of insurance companies [illegible] women has been due [illegible] fact that few if any women [illegible] surable interest, but that day has passed. As the avenues of occupation have widened thousands of women [illegible] are the sole support of children [illegible] and these [illegible]

This Will Be Your Opportunity.

Beginning on the 1st of December we will give you the benefit of our low prices on

MENS' CLOTHING.

We have decided not to handle mens' clothing another season, making a specialty of Boys' and Youths' Clothing. This is not a mere advertising scheme, but

A FAIR AND POSITIVE CLOSE OUT.

You can have these goods at absolute cost. We bought these goods cheap, many of them at fifty cents on the dollar, which enables us to make you prices in this line that we or any other house can not afford to do and handle the line regularly. And the cost applies to our Mens Clothing only.

We are Making Very Close Prices on Everything in the House,

but no cost goods outside of the above line. We advise you to make your selection early, because we know these goods will go fast at the price. We have some excellent styles in stock, and those $12.50 and $15 suits will cost you less than $10, and so on down the line that go. We mean exactly what we say, and will positively close out all of our mens clothing with the intention of handling a strong line of boys and youths, so don't miss this.

We have received this week a Full Line of

NEW THINGS IN DRESS GOODS, TRIMMINGS

LININGS, SHIRTINGS,

DOMESTICS, CALICOS, Etc.

The fact is, we have what you want. We hardly feel it necessary to mention our Shoe Line, being almost exclusive in that line, and recognized as headquarters for Shoes.

Thanking you heartily for your generous support, and anticipating your future business, we are.

Most respectfully yours,

McDOWELL & WHITE,

Store. - - McKinney.

Real Estate Transfers.

List of real estate transfers filed for record in the county clerk's office, McKinney, Texas, for the week ending Dec. 1, 1897.

A. M. Wilson to James Averitt, 18a, M Clement sur, $400.

R H Johnson and wife to G W and W M Wallen, 49 1-5a, Philip Smith sur, $1353.

L A Scott and wife to R H Johnson, 49 1-5a, Philip Smith sur, $937.20.

James Averett and wife to W W and Y L Averett, 21 1-4a, M Clement sur, $516.25.

Abbott & Wilson to J P Striplin, 115a, John Burk sur, $2500.

J D Kimbrough and wife t Tarpley & Shrader, lot in Rock hill, $775.

J D Kimbrough and wife to C L Smith, 7a, B J Naugle sur, $1000.

E M Bush to Patrick H Salmons and wife, 28 26-100a, David Cherry sur, $565.20

J S Burch and wife to J W McBride, 28 1-2a, Carter Bourland sur, $185.25.

J S Burch to J W McBride, 54a, —— sur, $870.85.

Jno. N. Dickson and Martha M Dickson to W B Flanney, 54a, —— sur, 46a, Carter Boland sur, $1000.

A R Dickson to J N and W M Dickson, 54a, —— sur; 46a, Carter Boland sur. $1000.

B F Lockhart and wife to W A Kinkead, 129a, R C Ingraham, R C Whisenant and J O Straughan surs, $4837.50.

W A Kinkead to John Giddings 129a, R C Ingram, R C Whisenant and J O Straughan surs, $3000 love and affection.

J W and W B Gray to Pete Lynge, 82 35-100a, Peter Fisher sur, $3294.

Jesse W Orenduff and wife to Monroe H Orenduff, 27 3-4a, S M Pulliam sur, $68.75, love and affection.

Jesse W. Orenduff and wife to Jesse J Orenduff 22 3-4a, S M Pulliam sur; 7a, Andrew Thomas sur. $118.75, love and affection.

J P Striplin and wife to L L Hand, 97 3-4a, S B Searcy sur, $1900.

L W Oglesby Tax collector Collin county to T B Wilson, 75a Z Roberts sur, $1.90.

L L Allison et ux to Henry Mack, 5 65-100a, E. B. Reed sur, $112.50.

H D Honaker and wife to Henry Mack, 10a, W D Graham sur, $150.

D B Chastain and wife to B T Estes, 23 1-2a, Calvin Boles sur, $600.

I D Newsome et al to M M Hackler, 64a, M Wilhite sur; 20a, D M Farmer sur, $1129.33 1-3.

J M C King to J O Nicholis, 25a, Jas Fisher sur; 14a, L L Lewis sur, $1000.

T D Donihoe and wife to A J Coulter, 29a, W D Thompson sur, $725.

M C Henslee and wife to G H Henslee, 25a, John West sur, $450.

G H Henslee and wife to M C Henslee, 25a, John West sur, $800.

M C Henslee to W Spain, 25a, John West sur, $715.

Collin County to M J Coconaugher, lot 7, sur 12, $560.

H H Thomas to J E Jones, lots in Copeville, $500.

E L Wright to J E Hunter, 2 53-100a, Carter T. Cleft sur, $400.

J E Hunter to L B Collins, 2 53-100a, Carter T Cleft sur, $400.

John W Morton to J S Burch, 66 15-100a, H T Chenowith sur, $984.25.

A W Thompson to Aron Curtis, 11a, John West sur, $100.

G F Gerrish to C R Green, lot in Mary Standefer sur, $200.

E S Blythe to J T Dickens, 51 1-2a, James Kirby sur, $1200.

Ed Foote and wife to Ed McCabe, lot in McKinney, $230.

Weston Findings.

The school is progressing moderately well with an average attendance of about 100.

We understaud that Miss Hager of Tennessee will assist in the school after Christmas. She is a sister of Miss Tommie Hager the teacher of music in the school.

Christmas holidays will soon be here and we hope all will see a glorious good time. However times are so hard it may be dull with some.

Mr. H. W. Simmon will move to Whitewright about Christmas. By Mr. Simmons leaving, Weston will lose a good business man but we wish him success where he goes.

Rev. G. B. Airheart began a protracted meeting at the Baptist church to continue one week at least.

There is being a general change around here. Renters have begun moving to their new homes.

There have been several drummers in town this week. They never forget the great amount of trade that Weston gets.

Mr. Will Maxwell has bought him a home and moved to it. Will has decided to stay at Weston.

There will be preaching at the M. E. church next Sunday by the pastor, Rev. Bounds.

OLD TAT.

The Owl Club.

The Owls met with Mrs. Boyd last Friday and despite the unpleasant weather nine members answered roll-call.

"Criticisms on Our English" were given and the discussion brought out many interesting points in the English language.

The lesson in history was conducted by Mrs. Lovejoy; she was very much pleased with the ready answers given by the ladies, who find the history one of the most interesting books that the club has studied.

Act III of "Nathan the Wise" proved to be so interesting that the members would have discussed it ad infintum had the president not announced that the time had arrived for adjournment.

The club will meet with Mrs. Rhea, Friday, Dec. 10th.

The Mrs. Ann Throckmorton estate was sold at public auction before the court house door Tuesday evening by direction of T. B. Wilson, administrator, Scott Philips acted as auctioneer. Mr. S. Weisman bought the late residence for $2600. R. F. Dowell bought the brick store on the south side of square now occupied by C. L. Mistrot, for $8150. Dr. H. L. Pearson bought an undivided half interest in a ¾ acre lot in the north eastern part of the city for $77. J. M. Malone bought 110 acres of land a few miles from McKinney for $13 per acre. Joe Barnett of Plano bought 400 acres of land in Young Co., for which he paid $2.75 an acre and Mrs. Zack Shirley bought 80 acres in the same county for $400, also a desk which belonged to her father for $10. The estate was sold for the purpose of partition among the heirs of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Throckmorton.

COST HIM TWO BITS.

Paris, Tex., Dec. 5—Late last evening a man from the river entered the office of the county clerk and said he wanted to get married, asking the price of the license. When informed that it would cost him $1.50 he begged the clerk to give him one, stating that he only had $1.75 to his name. He was informed that it was against the law to give away a license, and he replied that he guessed he would have to pay for it. He afterward went to the residence of Rev. Robert Blanchard, a Baptist preacher, and told him his troubles—that he wanted to get married, had the license and girl, but only had 25 cents to pay the preacher. Mr. Blanchard took pity on him and performed the ceremony, and he departed with his bride as happy as if he had $1,000,000.

Strange Story.

William Kern, Tempted by His Sweetheart, Murders His Father.

Waterloo, Iowa, Dec. 2.—William Kern has made a confession implicating his sweetheart, Delilah Fales, in the murder of Jerome Kern, and has confessed himself to have been her willing dupe and accomplice. He said he loved her. He had no particular enmity against his father, save that his father objected to shis attachment to Miss Fale. They had no disagreement and lived in harmony beneath the same roof. Such was his facination for the woman who tempted him, however, that when she unfolded to him the details of a plot to slay both his parents, take possession of their little property and get married, he consented to assist in the slaughter. A plot was made to lure Jerome Kern into the woods, and then make away with him. The murder of the mother was to be accomplished at a later date. On the morning of the murder of the elder Kern was induced to leave the honse, Delilah Fales lay in wait for him, and after engaging the unsuspecting man in conversation fired the fatal shot. According to young Kern the two then saturated the clothing of the dead man with oil and set fire to them, the object being to conceal the manner in which he died. He alleges that the oil can and the revolver were buried by the Fales woman in the woods.

Kern was made to confess through the work of detectives who induced a young man to haunt him in the guise of the ghost of the murdered father. The ghost worked on the young man's nerves to such an extent that he finally weakened.

Notice.

The Sherman, Shreveport & Southern R. R. will sell excursion tickets Dec. 21 and 22 to all points in Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, North and South Carolina, Tennessee and Kentucky, south of a line running through Central City, Glasgow and Somerset, Kentucky, at the rate of one fare for the round trip. Tickets good for thirty days. The Sherman, Shreveport & Southern will run a special train from McKinney, leaving McKinney at 12.15 A. M. Dec. 21: arriving at Memphis 7:10 P. M. Dec. 21: making close connection at Memphis with all trains for the north, east and south; reaching Nashville from Memphis at 8 A. M. Dec. 22; making good connection with L. & N. north and south; N. C. & St. L. for Lebanon and Chattanooga; reaching Chattanooga via the Memphis and Charleston at 7:30 a. m.; making close connection at Chattanooga with the Queen and Crescent for the north, the Southern R. R. for Koxville, Morristown and other East Tennessee points, and with the Southern R. R. for Atlanta, Georgia, and other intermediate points.

See W. N. Collier for rates, tickets, and any other desired information. This is the quickest time and best service ever given from McKinney through the Memphis Gateway.

The Wylie Rustler dubs us the "venal" press of Collin county because, forsooth, we sough to correct its false statements about Representative Vaughan that it had not the manhood to acknowledge as untrue. This paper has never yet been so "venal" as to endorse a candidate editorially and then send in a bill to the candidate for its support. Can the Rustler say as much?—Farmersville Times.

Lady Instantly Killed.

Honey Grove, Tex., Dec. 4.—Mrs. E. H. Stegall, wife of Hubert Stegall of Honey Grove, was accidentally shot and instantly killed yesterday evening while visiting at the home of her father, B. J. Blackmon, living three miles south of town.

Her brother, C. E. Blackmon, aged 17 years, was out in the yard shooting at a target, using a common 22-caliber target rifle, when Mrs. Stegall stepped out of a door and hurriedly passed between him and the target as he pulled the trigger. The bullet struck her on the right temple and penetrated the brain, death resulting in a few moments.

The husband and all the family are prostrated with grief over the sad occurrence.

Justice Green held an inquest and the verdict was in accordance with above facts.

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Furniture, Housekeeping Goods, Sold as cheap as any house in Texas.

Call and see us. We take pleasure in giving you prices.

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Wish to say that on account of a desire to reduce their stock of

Groceries

by the 1st of January, they will offer special inducements to those in need of anything in their line. They propose to compete with any prices, and all they ask is a trial.

Special Attention is Called

to our stock of Christmas eatables.

ROGERS & STACY,

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Holiday Goods

Christmas Presents for Everybody at Bush's Book Store.

A Large assortment of Toys, Dolls, Games, Picture and Story books. Books in Celluloid, Fancy and Leather Bindings, Christmas Cards, Booklets.

Everything in HOLIDAY GOODS at bottom prices.

Would be pleased to have a share of your trade.

Yours truly,

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McKinney, Texas.

California Apples in great variety; Northern Genitan, Winesap, Kentucky Red, and a host of other varieties. Pure Apple Cider, guaranteed genuine. Novel and budded Oranges.

Catawba and Malaga GRAPES, Cocoanuts, Walnuts, Chestnuts, Brazil nuts, Filberts, Almonds, Figs, Dates, Bananas, Raisins.

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A great and glorious selection of [illegible]

Cigars just received for $1.25 up for box of 50.

1000 pounds Candy from Blanke and other firms, consisting of Bon bons. Cream and the latest novelties for the holidays.

Save 20 per cent and trade with **A. E. DAW,** Three Doors West of Postoffice.

Diseases of Women

are in almost every case caused by lack of blood and the weakness resulting therefrom. You can escape! We will furnish you the means.

Your entire system will become strong and well, you will cast off all Nervousness, Backache, Dyspepsia, General Debility, Chills and Fever and the thousand-and-one ailments weak women are heir to if you will use

Dr. Harter's Iron Tonic

Read this from one who has suffered as you are suffering. She has been cured and knows whereof she writes:

Jetersville, Virginia, March 16, 1897.

Gentlemen—Will you please send me a bottle of Dr. Harter's Iron Tonic. I can heartily recommend it as a cure for Diseases of Women. It has completely cured me. I had been ailing for years and one bottle of Dr. Harter's Iron Tonic made me well and strong. I want this bottle for a friend. MRS. T. R. BROWN.

Dr. Harter's Iron Tonic is the greatest known blood purifier and health builder.

Sold everywhere. Sample dose of Dr. Harter's Little Liver Pills and Book of Dreams mailed free.

Address **HARTER,** Dayton, O.

Dr. Harter's Little Liver Pills do the business.

HARTER'S IRON TONIC

LOCAL NEWS

Personals and Happenings of Interest Gathered for The Democrat's Many Readers.

Mr. J. B. Jones and family have moved from Princeton to Allen.

O! My!! Go and sample that "New Crop" La., Syrup at Mate Barnett's.

Toys to please the little one's at the Nickel Store.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Rogers on the morning of the 6th a boy.

Window glass, large and small to suit all at City Drug Store.

For bargains in groceries see Goostree & Houston, McKinney, Texas.

Mack Harris' familiar countenance is again to be seen on our streets.

Stationary and full line of scrap books at Nickle Store.

All the latest things in Wall Paper at City Drug Store.

Backache, Sprains Bruises, Cuts, Rheumatism speedily cured by using Hunt's Lightning Oil. Failing, money refunded.

Mrs. Thomas Dulaney visited Mrs. E. E. Glover in Ennis last week.

S. W. P., best paint on earth. Covers more, wears longer and looks better. Guaranteed at City Drug Store

Why not buy your next groceries of Goostree & Houston.

A baby boy made its appearance at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Emerson Saturday night.

Have you seen the ducks swimming in the gold-fish globes at the Nickle Store?

Buy the purest whiskies and brandies for medical uses. You can get them at City Drug Store.

See Goostree & Houston for wholesale and retail groceries.

Old Santa has made his first assignment of Christmas toys and the Nickle Store has received it. Call and see the pretty articles.

When you have county or city property to either buy or sell see Byrne Smith & Mack, McKinney, Texas.

Miss Nora Reid returned, Monday morning from a visit to her parents at Pilot Point.

Look through the Nickel Store next time you are in McKinney.

For holiday tricks spend your money at the Nickle Store.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Nelson drove up to their farm near Valdasta, Sunday.

Punctual delivery to any part of the city of all groceries bought at Goostree & Houston.

If you want prosperity's breezes to blow through your whiskers trade at the Nickel Store.

K. K. Kerr was an extra on the Racket Store's corps of salesmen this week.

Ladies, Take the Best. If you are troubled with Constipation, Sallow Skin, and a Tired Feeling, take Karl's Clover Tea, it is pleasant to take. Sold by Smith Bros. 2

J. E. Bates has a quantity of dead timber on his place three miles north of town to give away to anyone wanting fire wood.

Does it pay? Yes, because in case Dr. Simmons' Cough Syrup fails to cure or give satisfaction the purchase money is refunded. Try a bottle.

Mrs. Bettie Emberson returned to Pilot Point Monday from a visit to her sick brother, T. B. Wilson, in this city.

50 doses for 50 cents. Is the same size of other $1. bottles, and money refunded if Dr. Simmons' Cough Syrup fails to give entire satisfaction Try it costs nothing if not saisfied.

Go the Nickel Store, first door west of the post office.

The city trade will remember that it can find the freshest and best qualities of anything in the way of groceries at Goostree & Houston's.

Be not deceived! A Cough, Hoarseness or croup are not to be trifled with. A dose of Shiloh's Cure will save you much trouble. Sold by Smith Bros. 2

J. M. Griffin is on the streets again after a six months' confinement to his room with nervous prostration.

Tried Friends Best.

For thirty years Tutt's Pills have proven a blessing to the invalid. Are truly the sick man's friend.

A Known Fact

For bilious headache, dyspepsia sour stomach, malaria, constipation and all kindred diseases. TUTT'S Liver PILLS

J. A. Rogers gave his accustomed annual entertainment to the members of his Sunday school class, Friday evening. The guests were Hugh Kirkpatrick and Miss Mattie White, C. K. Beyett and Miss Lula Allison, Sam Welch and Miss Della Allison, Bob Chambers and Miss Linnie Johnson, J. H. Forbes and Miss Eula Plemmens, Irwin Ferguson and Miss Bessie Nelson, Mack Webster and Miss Pearl Nelson, Misses Mattie Houston and Pearl Stacy.

Dyspepsia Cured. Shiloh's Vitalizer immediately relieves Sour Stomach. Coming up of Food Distress, and is the great kidney and liver remedy. Sold by Smith Bros. 2

J. J. Munday may fall heir to an immense estate from across the pond, so says the Rustler. Mr. Munday is a Wylie citizen.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure.

Attorneys Terrell & Reeves have removed their office from the Newsome block to quarters over the Collin county National Bank formerly occupied by Dr. I. E. Webb.

Karl's Clover Root Tea is a pleasant laxative. Regulates the bowels, purifies the blood. Clears the complexion. Easy to make and pleasant to take. 25 cts. Sold by Smith Bros. 2

Attorneys Tom W. Perkins and T. S. Jackson braved the frosty elements to Blue Ridge Friday. They went on business in the Justice of the Peace's court.

Cure that Cough with Shiloh's Cure. The best Cough Cure. Relieves Croup promptly. One million bottles sold last year. 40 doses for 25 cts. Sold by Smith Bros. 2

Capt R. M. Board, a veteran merchant of McKinney, and his estimable lady have taken charge of the Foote House which they will henceforth conduct.

Ex-Deputy District Clerk R. O. Johnson has returned from the Terrell institution, where he was recently confined, apparently sound in mind and body.

P. M. Mugg and little son of Weston were in our office Monday to renew his subscription. Mr. Mugg has never wavered in his friendship to THE DEMOCRAT since its first publication fourteen years ago.

After hearing some friends continually praising Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, Curtis Fleck, of Anaheim, California, purchased a bottle of it for his own use and is now as enthusiastic over its wonderful work as anyone can be. The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by City Drug Store.

Mrs. Wood Harris and children arrived from Beeville, Friday. We are sorry to announce the continued ill health of Miss Daisy to her many friends in McKinney, but join them in the ardent hope for her early improvement.

The diseases cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla are many, because most ailments disappear as soon as the blood is enriched and purified by it

Doc Turner sold his barber shop to Munger and Lane and has purchased a half interest in D. E. Andrews saloon.

Byron A. Bowers of Waxahachie, Sundayed, in McKinney. He was the guest of C. W. Goodin and was kept busy shaking hands with old friends.

On October 26th Greenbery Adams rounded off his 14th year as clerk for B. W. Rhine. This is a remarkable record in point of longevity of continuous service for one man, or firm, and can find few parallels in our city. City clerk R. F. Lowell once held a clerkship under R. M. Board for a like number of years and aside from this we know of no other.

Dr. Ben E. Throckmorton and Dr. I. E. Webb have formed a partnership and are located one door south of the Collin County Bank, South Tennessee street.

Immense stock of groceries for selections at Goostree & Houstons.

Last week Mayor Pearson closed a deal for a lot on South Tennessee street which will be used as a stand pipe site for the waterworks system soon to be put in. The lot was purchased from Mrs. Webb for $250 and is the highest point in the city.

Don't be persuaded into buying liniments without reputation or merit—Chamberlain's Pain Balm costs no more, and its merits have been proven by a test of many years. Such letters as the following, from L. G. Bagley, Hueneme, Cal., are constantly being received: "The best remedy for pain I have ever used is Chamberlain's Pain Balm, and I say so after having used it in my family for several years." It cures rheumatism, lame back, sprains and swellings. For sale by City Drug Store.

Farmers, take your produce to Goostree & Houston for highest prices. They will also sell you the cheapest groceries.

BOWLBY BUDS.

"Central" Becomes a Weather Prophet and Prophecies Wedding.

McKinney, Texas, Dec. 3. 1897.

Last Monday Elmore Snider and Sam Lemons left for Ardmore, Indian Territory. Mr. Lemons had come from the Territory on business.

Henry Dikes came in today from the Indian Territory

Wm. Rutherford helped to move Tom Holloway to Sanger last week and lost a good mare on the trip. Cause, something like colic.

We know that winter is almost here from the effects of the present blizzard. It calls for more and better clothes.

Henry Snider and wife went to Denison last week on business.

We recently had news from John Brakebill of Taylor county that he and Miss Mary Tedford of Dallas joined together in holy bonds of matrimony. We wish the young couple a long and happy life. John was a former citizen of our neighborhood and liked by everybody.

CENTRAL.

Sole agency for I. W. Harper, Meads, Genuine Canada Rye, Chases Barley Malt, Paul Jones Old Mahogony Rye. Also have in stock Old Crow, Hermitage Gackensheinon, O. F. C., Pure Old Apple and Peach Brandies.
At City Drug Store.

Christmas Holiday Excursions to The South East.

On December 21st, and 22nd, the M. K. & T. R. R. will sell round trip tickets to all points in the southeast at a rate of one fare for the round trip. Tickets good for return 30 days from date sale. Special trains with through coaches will be run from Texas points to the old states. Routes as desired. For rates, time of trains and further particulars, address any M. K. & T., ticket agent, or W. G. Crush, General Passenger & Ticket Agent, Dallas, Tex.

Dreadfully Nervous.

GENTS—I was dreadfully nervous, and for relief took your Karl's Clover Root Tea. It quieted my nerves and strengthed my whole nervous system. I was troubled with Constipation, Kidney and Bowel trouble. Your Tea soon cleansed my system so thoroughly that I rapidly regained health and strength. Mrs. S. A. Sweet, Hartford, Conn. Sold by Smith Bros. 2

To our country friends: We carry a large, complete and new stock of groceries all the time and invite you to inspect the same. We want your trade. —Goostree & Houston.

To enumerate the varied, useful household articles for sale at the Nickel Store would be too tedious here, but when in McKinney investigate for yourself.

A chronic kicker is bad enough, but a continual scratcher is worse. Better imitate a mule than a hen. Hunt's Cure will do up the worst case of Itch, Tetter, Ringworms, Itching Piles, Eczema known. Price 50c.

Just received, one car load of Fresh Portland Cement; also fire clay brick, sand, lime, etc. For sale cheap at Wilcox & Sons' Lumber Yard.

NO CURE—NO PAY.

That is the way all druggists sell GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC for Malaria, Chills and Fever. It is simply Iron and Quinine in a tasteless form. Children love it. Adults prefer it to bitter, nauseating Tonics. Price 50c.

Mattie Tycer, wife of the colored porter and brakeman recently killed at the depot in McKinney, has sued the S. S. & S. railway company for $15000 damages. She is a teacher in the colored schools of the city.

Tetter, Salt-Rheum and Eczema.

The intense itching and smarting incident to these diseases is instantly allayed by applying Chamberlain's Eye and Skin Ointment. Many very bad cases have been permanently cured by it. It is equally efficient for itching piles and a favorite remedy for sore nipples, chapped hands, chilblains, frost bites and chronic sore eyes. 25 cts. per box.

Dr. Cady's Condition Powders, are just what a horse needs when in bad condition. Tonic, blood purifier and vermifuge. They are not food but medicine and the best in use to put a horse in prime condition. Price 25 cents per package

Miss Ludie Lindsay returned to Denison last week in order to obtain rest at home and recuperate her health which became impaired by a severe attack of dengue.

Among the extensive business enterprises of McKinney Goostree & Houston are leaders in their line. See them for groceries.

M. K. & T. Local Holiday Excusions.

For the Christmas and New Year Holidays the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway will sell round trip tickets between all points on its line at rate of one and one third fares for the round trip. Tickets on sale December 24th, 25th and 31st., 1897, and January 1st., 1898. Good for return until January 3rd., 1898.

Yours truly,
W. G. CRUSH,
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A pure Grape Cream of Tartar Powder. Free from Ammonia, Alum or any other adulterant.

40 YEARS THE STANDARD.

J. B. Randles, of Plano, transacted business here Monday.

Dr. J. M. Rutlege was here from Melissa Monday.

Miss Nora Reid returned from Pilot Point, Monday, where she visited relatives.

Misses Annie and Fannie Brooke visited in Royse City.

Mrs. C. C. Kendall came up from Plano Tuesday to visit her daughter, Mrs. A. E. Lawrence, two miles northwest of McKinney.

Purest old whisky, apple and peach brandies at the City Drug Store.

Spend your nickel at the Nickle Store.

Ray Kirkpatrick has resumed his studies in Kiugs Business college, Dallas.

Mrs. Mariah Rucker of Chambersville visited friends in McKinney this week.

M. Aron and wife have returned from New York.

Jno. Cox of Roland shipped a car o hogs from here Tuesday.

Cud Wray has moved back to McKinney from his farm in the flats where he moved early in the fall.

Walter Muse has gone to Hot Springs to seek relief from the partial paralysis with which he was stricken some monthsago.

J. S. N. Brook was thrown from his cart and painfully injured, Monday, in driving over a street crossing in northwest McKinney.

The younger McKinney attorneys are gaining quite a reputation for their organization "The Alcalde" which meets every Monday night. Members of the Dallas bar have secured a copy of their by-laws and constitution with a view to organizing a similar society.

Deputy Sheriff Horn departed over the 10:45 S. S. & S. Monday morning with the following prisoners bound for the state prison: E. M. Walraven, cattle theft, 4 years; Joe Powers, cattle theft, 2 years; Dr. J. T. McKissick, forgery, 2 years; Clint Hall, burglary, 2 years The last named is a negro.

J. C. Bledsoe and Miss Zula May Melton were married in the court house Monday by Judge Abernathy. They partook of their wedding dinner with Mrs. Wade.

"Excursion Rates to your old home in the South East. H. & T. C. Agents will sell Round Trip Tickets December 21st and 22nd good 30 days at One Fare to points in Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Georgia, Kentucky, Florida, North and South Carolina."

C. W. Bein, Traffic Mgr. M. L. Robbins, G. P. & T. A.

J. C. Saunders, K. K. Kerr and J. T. Collis sovereigns of Woodmen of The World left for Blue Ridge yesterday to secure proofs of death of Geo. Aikins deceased who was a member of the McKinney Camp and who held a life insurance policy in said order for $2,000. The deceased will be entitled to a $100 monument in addition to the sum named in the policy which monument will be unveiled in the near future.

Lewis—Smith.

Miss Maude Lewis was united in marriage, Sunday at 11 a. m. to Mr. Hugh Smith, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Lewis near Rhea Mill. Rev. Hornbeak officiated and the ceremony was performed in the presence of many well wishing friends. Both the young people are popular and well known in the Walnut Grove and Rhea Mill community where they were reared. After the ceremony the bridal party attended church at Walnut Grove and returned to partake of a sumptuous wedding feast spread at Mr. Lewis'. Next day an infair dinner was given by Commissioner Mack Smith to his son and bride.

Thanks.

The following persons have our thanks for cash on their subscriptions to THE DEMOCRAT since our last report:

John Shuman,
W H Brummett.
J B Johnson.
J L Bowen,
J F McCormack,
J W Damron,
S Gentle,
Dr W E Rucker,
W Y Morton,
P M Mugg,
B Branch,
J E Bateman,
T G Boorman,
W J Higgins.

Died From His Wounds.

Sunday night Harry Logan died at Abilene of a gun-shot wound received on Friday, Nov. Nov. 26. A school mate, Walter Thacker, accidentally discharged the contents of a 22-calibre target rifle into his body while they were out hunting. The boys were both about sixteen years old and the unfortunate victim is a son of Dick Logan and grandson of Dr. G. A. Foote of this city. Harry often visited his McKinney relatives and was a favorite with all acquaintances. When the distressing accident occurred a sister was visiting here who was hurriedly summoned home.

SCHOOL HOUSE BURNED.

Lone Elm School House and Masonic Hall Licked up by Flames.

Messrs Moore, Dinwiddied and Hillin, the former two being trustees, were in McKinney Monday for the purpose of cosulting county superintendent Shepherd in regard to rebuilding a new school house for the Lone Elm district. About 3 o'clock Sunday morning the old building, which cost in the neighborhood of $1000 to build, caught fire and was soon in ashes. It was a two story building, the upper one being used by the Wylie Masonic Lodge as a place of meeting. All the school apparatus, fixtures and Masonic pharapharnalia were destroyed. The efficient young educator Prof. Flem McDonald has been teaching at this place for several years and lost about $50.00 worth of books, charts, pictures, etc., used to assists him in teaching. Total loss will be upwards of $1000 and no insurance.

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ALLEN ANTHEMS.

Bimet Writes From His new Location—Newsy and Condensed.

Allen, Tex. Dec. 6, '97.

Bro. Crouch preached his farewell sermon last Sunday night. We regret very much having to give him up. He has been preaching here for the past four years. He has been called to a work at Waco.

Rev. Ball has been called to preach at Allen and Lebanon another year.

Friday morning about 10 o'clock the dwelling house of Charlie Farrell caught fire from the stovepipe and with the household goods was soon consumed by the flames.

Bro. Lockhart has been very ill for several dasy, but is gradually improving.

Mrs. Leach has been sick for sometime but is convalescent.

Jim Richards was on the sick list last week.

Lige Runnels will ship a carload of cattle to the northern markets this week.

Owen McConnel of Denton county is again in old Collin visiting friends and relatives.

Hog killing has been in progress for the week past.

BIMET.

Wm. R. Morrison who has served on the inter-state commission for ten years, will retire from that position on the 1st, day of January 1899. It is said that he will run for congress from his old Illinois district.

Gordon Bradshaw who was charged with the murder of his young wife in Erath county, Texas was fined $1000 for negligent homicide, at Stephensville. He has appealed the case. His wife was killed by the discharge of a shotgun in his hands while he (Gordon) was preparing to get in a buggy by the side of her.

The mother of President McKinley was lying at the point of death Saturday Dec. 4, with her son, the president, at her bedside. It was imperative for the president to be in Washington Monday at the opening of congress so he had to take a sad farwell look at his mother who was unconscious. The incident is the first on record in the history of our country.

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We have the trees and we have the varieties. And you can have the fruit, wealth and luxury simply by planting and growing them.

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See our catalogue, sent free, and send us your orders.

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You are invited to call and see the most beautiful line of Fancy China Goods ever seen in McKinney, and they are going to be sold regardless of cost at J. T. Nale's.

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F. T. Cook, editor of the Herald-Sentinel, has been appointed postmaster at Cloud Chief. This is as it should be. Cook has been running a republican paper in that county ever since the opening and was entitled to the place. —Watoga Republican.

How to prevent Pneumonia.

At this time of the year a cold is very easily contracted, and if left to run its course without the aid of some reliable cough medicine it is liable to result in that dread disease, pneumonia. We know of no better remedy to cure a cough or cold than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. We have used it quite extensively and it has always given entire satisfaction.—Olagah, Ind. Ter. Chief. This is the only remedy that is known to be a certain preventive of pneumonia. Among the many thousands who have used it for colds and la grippe we have never yet learned of a single case having resulted in pneumonia. Persons who have weak lungs or have reason to fear an attack of pneumonia, should keep the remedy at hand. The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by City Drug Store.

Stock Pasture To Rent.

I am prepared to furnish good stock pasture, 3 miles north of McKinney, on McKinney and Melissa road. Rates reasonable.

I. E. BATES.

Trustee Sale.

R. C. Merritt, trustee, will sell the entire V. C. Coleman bankrupt Jewelry stock at retail for cash. Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, Silverware, etc., are going at a great sacrifice. Here is your chance for holiday goods.

The wife and family of W. B. Evans arrived from South Texas last week. Mr. Evans has resided in our city several months and is proprietor of the Crescent Dye Works.

The Estey piano is taking the lead with sweet clear tone upon the same basis that placed the Estey organ ahead. First class material and superior workmanship J. T. Couch.

Announcement.

The Nickle Store hereby notifies all that the holidays are coming, and Santa's holding out place in McKinney will be on its counters. Call and pay your respects to him early.

Scholarship for Sale.

A scholarship for sale in one of the best business colleges of the state. Call at THE DEMOCRAT

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Thursday evening Mrs. Leland Franklin slipped and fell in the yard of her residence in west McKinney and broke both bones of her ankle.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, } ss.
Lucas County.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the city of Toledo, county and state aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of one hundred dollars for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure. Frank J. Cheney.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1886.

{seal} A. W. Gleason, Notary Public.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by Druggists, 75c, Hall's Family Pills are the best.

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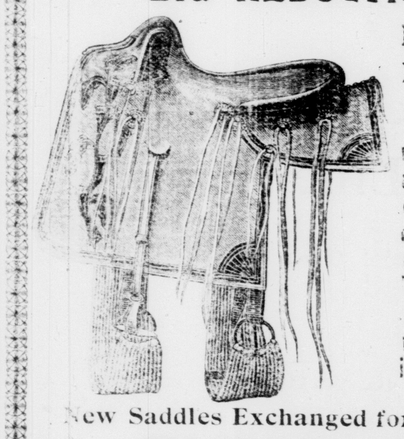

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"	No. 15	12:38 p. m.
"	No 1	7:50 p. m.
South bound	No 2	8:17 a. m
"	No 16	3:10 p. m
"	No 4	5:53 p. m
"	Cannon Ball	10:05 p. m.

EAST LINE.

Passenger leaves.	10. 45 a. m.
Local "	3:00 p. m.
Passenger, arrives.	6.25 p. m
Local "	10. 30 a. m

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NOT ALWAYS UNDERSTOOD.

A fact often overlooked, or not always understood, is that women suffer as much from distressing kidney and bladder troubles as the men. The womb is situated back of and very close to the bladder, and for that reason any distress, disease or inconvenience manifested in the kidneys, back, bladder or urinary passage is often, by mistake, attributed to female weakness or womb trouble of some sort.

The error is easily made and may be as easily avoided by setting uring aside for twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling is evidence that your kidneys and bladder need doctoring. If you have pain or dull aching in the back, pass water too frequently, or scanty supply, with smarting or burning—these are also convincing proofs of kidney trouble. If you have doctored without benefit, try Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy. The mild and the extraordinary effect will surprise you. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures. If you take a medicine you should take the best. At druggists fifty cents and one dollar. You may have a sample bottle and pamphlet, both sent free by mail. Mention THE DEMOCRAT, and send your address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. The proprietors of this paper guarantee the genuineness of this offer.

Thursday at Sherman J. K. Turney, a Grayson county farmer, secured marriage permits for the tripple weddings of his three children—two daughters and a son. The eldest daughter was seventeen and son under age.

Justice Field.

A Synopsis of the Great Lawyer Yesterday.

Retired Sept. 1, facing office yesterday, December 1, 1897, of Justice Stephen J. Field, removes from the supreme court of the United States a figure as interesting as it is remarkable. Appointed to the bench of that tribunal by President Lincoln, on March 10, 1863, and taking the oath of office on May 20, following, Justice Field has the distinction of having served longer as a justice of the supreme court than any of his contemporaries or predecessors, and what is still more notable, he is the only surviving appointee of President Lincoln.

Justice Field's personality is as striking as his career has been brilliant and lasting. Short, erect. His prominence for many years in the councils of his fellow citizens has been due solely to his exceptional qualities of intelligence, wisdom, perspicacity and, it may be added, indomitable personal courage, both moral and physical. He was born on November 4, 1816, in Connecticut, and at the early age of 15 years went to the far east, spending some time in the countries bordering on the Mediterranean, in company with an older sister, who was married to a missionary. He returned to the United States several years after, studied law, and when the gold fever of '49 broke out, young Field joined the bands of ambitious argonauts and went to California to seek his fortunes in the new El Dorado. His first experiences there were such as to discourage a less persevering and plucky man. When he arrived in San Francisco he had but ten dollars in his pocket, nine of which, owing to the exorbitant prices then prevailing, were used up the first day, but he promptly added to this and formed the nucleus of his capital by selling for a dollar apiece a package of New York newspapers, which were eagerly bought up by the exiles.

Mr. Field's character was soon appreciated by his fellows in the rough mining regions, and he readily advanced in their esteem, being elected to successive positions of authority and trust among them. In 1857 he became a member of the supreme court of California, remaining on that bench until his selection by Lincoln as associate justice of the highest tribunal of the nation. He has thus served forty years in exalted judicial capacities.

The legal opinions and rulings of Justice Field, as well as his accomplishments in the way of effecting legislation, have been singularly wise and equitable. One of the most conspicuous deeds was securing the adoption of legislation in behalf of the miners, whose interests and conditions were unique in the United States, and, recognizing this, he deferred to the regulations in equity established by the miners themselves for their mutual benefit, and secured the passage of a general statute recognizing these as follows: "In actions respecting 'Mining Claims' proof shall be admitted of the customs, usages, or regulations established and in force at the bar or diggins embracing such claims; such customs, usages or regulations, when not in conflict with the constitution and laws of the state, shall govern the decision of the action."

This brief act formed the basis of the mining laws of the great gold and silver fields of the west.

Another notable piece of legislation effected by Judge Field was one exempting debtors from the seizure or sale of the tools of their calling in satisfaction of a judgment, and also allowing them certain articles of necessity, so as not to cripple the unfortunates from recovering their financial standing.

Judge Field has always been noted for the possession of a strong, determined character and an unflinching courage. When he says a thing he means it, and could never be threatened or bluffed out of doing anything he had made up his mind to do.

It is interesting to note that Taney was chief justice of the supreme court when Field joined it, and one of his associate justices was Justice Wayne, who had sat on the same bench with Chief Justice Marshall. Judge Field thus forms a connecting link between the old and the new, the past and the future, in the nation's great supreme bar of justice and, as he himself has said, "binding into unity nearly an entire century of the life of the court."

ARE YOU NERVOUS.

Mrs. C. C. Filler, 135 1-2 S. Fourth Street Columbus, O. writes to Dr. Hartman, of Columbus, O. as follows:

"For ten or fifteen years I have been subject to nervous dyspepsia. I would have spells of quivering in my stomach, with smothering feelings. My nerves were terribly debilitated. I was suffering from what is called nervous prostration. My stomach felt bloated and I was constantly weak and trembling. I consulted several physicians who treated me without doing me any good. I had almost given up in despair when I heard of Pe-ru-na. It was about six years ago that I first took Pe-ru-na. I found it an immediate relief to all my disagreeable symptoms. It is the only medicine that has ever been of any use to me." Mrs. Lucie Waldie, Otsego Lake, Mich., Box 67, writes: "For three years I suffered with catarrhal dyspepsia. I wrote to you for advice and you told me to take your medicines. It has been ten months since I began to use your medicines and I am perfectly well. I think your medicines deserving of much praise."

Send for Dr. Hartman's latest book on "Winter Catarrh." Address your letter to Columbus, O.

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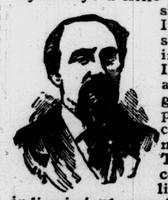
Young Man's Horrible Death.

Texarkana, Tex., Dec. 1.—George Slater, a young man 22 years of age, lost his life this morning in the saw mills of the Gate City Lumber company at this place. He was in the act of fixing some irregularity in the machinery when he was caught in the revolving shaft and beaten to death. Every bone in his body was broken before the machinery could be stopped. Slater leaves a mother and sister, who live in Spring Lake, Ark.

Too Much Knife!

The use of the surgeon's knife is becoming so general, resulting fatally in such a large number of cases, as to occasion general alarm.



Mr. William Walpole, of Walshtown, South Dakota, writes; "About three years ago, there came under my left eye a little blotch about the size of a small pea. It grew rapidly, and shooting pains ran in every direction. I became alarmed and consulted a good doctor, who pronounced it cancer, and said that it must be cut out. This I would not consent to, having little faith in the indiscriminate use of the knife. Reading of the many cures made by S. S. S., I determined to give that medicine a trial, and after I had taken it a few days, the cancer became irritated and began to discharge. This after awhile ceased, leaving a small scab, which finally dropped off, and only a healthy little scar remained to mark the place where the destroyer had held full away.

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Riding Free in a Freight Car Held up And Fleeced.

Cincinnati, O,. Nov. 30.—A special to the Commercial Tribune from Atlanta, Ga., says:

A committee of the state house of representatives, composed of some of the most prominent politicians in the state, was yesterday held up in a freight car in the Okefinoke swamp and forced to give up a considerable sum of money. Some of the members of the committee were Representatives Ennis, Thomas Craig. Burwell, Channon, Boynton and others.

They were to visit a convict camp in the swamp for the purpose of inspection. They were put in a freight car and hauled thirty-three miles over a rough road to the camp. On the return trip, when in the midst of the swamp, two men stepped the train and demanded $1.50 fare each of the members, claiming to be officials of the road. Under protest the amount was paid. but the train was stopped again and the bogus conductor returned and demanded more money. He was given all there was in the party and the journey was completed.

HOME INDUSTRY THE PANACEA

Consumers Must Encourage Home Manufacturers by Giving Their Goods The Preference.

An editorial in THE DEMOCRAT of Nov. 25 strikes the keynote to the financial redemption of this country. It is that of patronizing home industries. True, we have few industries here, but unless they could have the patronage of their home people they could not thrive here.

A short time ago a Texas firm began the manufacture of soap. They found sales too slow to justify manufacture, and were about to close down when the happy thought struck them to label their soap "Manufactured in New York." Since then they have been doing a lively business.

The consumer is to blame for this state of affairs. The merchant cares not what he handles. He is in the business of supplying the consumer with what he wants. If his customers all, or even many of them, prefer soap made in New York, of course he is a fool if he does not keep "New York Soap."

There are people in McKinney and Collin county who prefer Missouri or Dakota flour to that made by the Collin County Milling company, and so our merchants import this flour and pay heavy freights, and the consumer pays more for it and pronounce it better than Peerless Patent, more because it came from "away off."

As long as our home enterprises are thus shoved into the background we will have few of them, and the consumer will complain of "hard times."

Now, we who do not manufacture, but are consumers, should give ourselves a genuine mule-kicking, and then follow the example of the editor of THE DEMOCRAT—call for home-made articles.

A man with one eye and unable to see well out of that, ought to be able to see that if he wears a pair of blue ducks made in Massachusetts, out of cotton of his own raising, that he has had to pay freights both ways, pay every man who has handled it from the first buyer back to the merchant who sells them to him. He ought also to see that if he had sold that cotton to a factory in McKinney and they had made it into cloth, and a clothing factory here had made it up, that he might have furnished those factory hands, who have to eat as well as other people, enough, potatoes, turnips, butter, meat, etc. to have paid for those jumpers, and possibly come out a little ahead. But as it is, while he is working himself and family like galley slaves to make a dollar to buy those jumpers, the farmer and truck growers about Lowell are laughing at us "fool Southerners." Don't you see, partner, how it goes?

Let the people of Texas guarantee to the industrial world that they will buy and use home products when they are as good and cheap as foreign products, and it won't be five years till we will have factories, and our money will be kept at home or else we won't need so much.

It can be done. If the people (we are all consumers in some sort) will organize themselves into a "Home Industrial Association," and among other things take a pledge to buy and use home-made articles in preference to foreign ones, quality and price being equal, our foreign neighbor will either move his tent over in this direction, or turn his gorgon eyes on greener pastures and slicker suckers.

I. A. ARMSTRONG.

McKinney, Tex., Nov. 29, 1897.

Rev. Joel S. Graves Commended.

Princeton, Tex, Dec. 6, '97.

Rev. Joel S. Graves, pastor of Anna Mission for the last two years has been appointed to Blue Ridge circuit. The town of Blue Ridge is what is called in Methodist circles a "half station." Rev. Graves is unquestionably the strongest preacher ever in charge of Anna Mission. The developments both in a pecuniary and spiritual sense under his administration need not be recounted here, this has been done time and again in these columns. The Methodists of Blue Ridge can count themselves fortunate in having such a man sent to them. The peculiar power in his preaching lies in his easy natural gift of speech and the fact that he deals in principles and motives nearly all together. His rhetoric is pure. At times his sermons are marked by a demonstration and power of the spirit that make his arguments simply irresistable. Another peculiar gift of power in this preacher is he loves the poor and gives of his scanty purse to their necessities. He hates stinginess and abhors oppression. Every one who knows Bro. Graves as a preacher is surprised that he did not get a better appointment. We bespeak for him and his people a pleasant and hospitable year. It is with profound reluctance that we bid him good-bye.

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